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970	195
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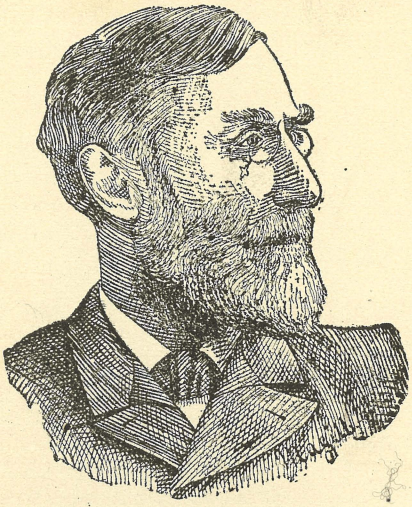

BISHOP JAMES N. FITZGERALD, D. D., LL. D.
President Louisiana Conference.

CONFERENCE HISTORY.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in Annual Conference relations in Louisiana, December 25th, 1865, by Bishop Thomson. The Conference organized included Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and was named the Mississippi Mission Conference. Three annual sessions of this Conference were held, and in January, 1867, the Texas Conference, and in 1869, the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences were organized.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

Number	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	Secretary.	Statistical Secretary	Preachers Stationed	Membership.
1	December 25, 1865.	New Orleans..	Thomson	Newman	.....	16	2,093
2	December 13, 1866.	New Orleans .	Simpson	Newman	.....	32	7,894
3	December 19, 1867.	New Orleans..	Ames.....	Lynch...	Diosy ...	51	16,198

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

1	Jan. 13-18, 1869....	New Orleans..	Simpson	Newman	Diosy ...	40	12,636
2	Jan. 26-31, 1870....	Baton Rouge..	Scott	Matlack.	Matlack.	47	10,575
3	Dec. 22-27, 1870....	New Orleans..	Scott	Matlack.	Matlack.	54	10,286
4	Dec. 22-27, 1871....	New Orleans..	Janes.....	Matlack.	Matlack.	58	10,333
5	Jan. 8-14, 1873.....	New Orleans..	Janes.....	Cole	Cole	63	10,709
6	Jan. 7-13, 1874.....	Baton Rouge..	Merrill	Hartzell	Barth. .	72	11,737
7	Jan. 6-13, 1875....	New Orleans..	Foster.....	Morrow .	Barth....	74	12,235
8	Jan. 5-12, 1876.....	New Orleans..	Haven.....	Hartzell.	Barth ...	74	11,287
9	Jan. 10-15, 1877....	New Orleans..	Wiley	Hartzell.	Madden.	70	11,178
10	Jan. 9-13, 1878.....	Baton Rouge..	Harris....	Hartzell.	Madden	72	*10 889
11	Jan. 29, Feb. 2, 1879	New Orleans..	Andrews	Hartzell.	Madden	80	10,649
12	Jan. 21-25, 1880....	New Orleans..	Harris.....	Hartzell.	Albert...	71	11,420
13	Jan. 25-30, 1881....	Shreveport....	Foss	Hartzell.	Albert...	72	10,808
14	Jan. 25-31, 1882....	Franklin.....	Peck	Hartzell.	Albert...	92	11,109
15	Feb. 1-5, 1883.....	Alexandria ...	Hurst	Hartzell.	Albert...	98	12,187
16	Jan. 30. Feb. 4, 1884	New Orleans..	Wiley	Hartzell.	Albert...	107	12,576
17	Jan. 29, Feb. 2. 1885	Baton Rouge..	Mallalieu	Hartzell.	Albert...	113*a*	11,872*g*
18	Jan. 28, Feb. 1, 1886	Monroe	Bowman	Hartzell.	Albert...	125*b*	12,336*h*
19	Jan. 20-26, 1887....	New Orleans..	Merrill	Hartzell.	Albert...	127*c*	13,585*i*
20	Jan. 25 31, 1888....	New Orleans..	Warren	Hartzell.	Albert...	137*d*	14,046*k*
21	Jan. 31, Feb. 4, 1889	Donaldsonville	FitzGerald....	Albert...	Lyon	139*e*	13,813
22	Jan. 28, Feb. 3, 1890	Shreveport....	Vincent	Albert...	Lyon ..	162*f*	13,813
23	Jan. 14-19, 1891....	New Orleans..	Newman	Albert...	Lyon	194*n*	15,545
24	Jan. 13-19, 1892....	New Orleans..	Mallalieu	Albert...	Lyon	169*u*	16,475
25	Jan. 26-30, 1893 ...	Shreveport ...	Andrews	Albert ..	Price	155 *y*	*15,074
26	Jan. 31, Feb. 5, 1894	Baton Rouge..	Walden	Albert..	Price	161	16,066
27	Feb. 6-11, 1895.....	Monroe	Bowman	Albert...	Ford ...	177	15,426
28	Jan. 15-20, 1896....	New Orleans..	FitzGerald ...	Albert...	Hodson .	184	11,503

*This decrease mostly caused by transfer of three German Churches to Southern German Conference.

a Not including three appointed as supplies.
b Not including eight appointed as supplies.
c Not includidg 15 supplies.
d Not including 11 supplies.
e Not including 32 supplies.
f Including 16 supplies.
g Including 312 local preachers.
h Including 333 local preachers.
i Including 415 local preachers.
k Including 461 local preachers.
n Not including 15 supplies.
u Including 20 supplies.
y Including supplies.

* This decrease is due in part by transfer of the Lake Charles District to the Gulf Mission, and the general emigration of whole congregations of our people to Oklahoma and other parts. Our constant growth is substantial.

NOTE.—An examination of the statistics shows that in the first years of the Conferences, congregations rather than church members were counted. Each year the statistics as to actual membership have been more and more correct.

IN MEMORIAM.

OUR HONORED DEAD!

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labor, and their works do follow them."

No.	NAMES.	Joined Itinerancy when and in what Conference.	Joined Louisiana when?	Relation at the time of death.	Died, when?
1	Rev. Ananias Frær,	Miss. Mission 1868	1869	Effective Elder	1871 Jan. 1.
2	" Ebenezer Hayward,	Miss. Mission 1866	1869	Effective Elder	1873 July 3.
3	" Samuel Small,	Miss. Mission 1865	Founder 1865	Superannuated	1873 Oct. 12.
4	" James Bryan,	Miss. Mission 1865	Founder 1865	Effective Elder	1876 Jan. 2.
5	" Wm. M. Daily, D.D. LL.D.	Indiana 1833	1868	Presiding Elder	1877 Jan.
6	" Henry P. Taylor	African Zion	1873	Effective Elder	1877 Jan. 15.
7	" Reuben W. Overton	Louisiana 1873	1873	Effective Elder	1878 Sept. 17
8	" Joseph Dutch	New York Zion 1862	1872	Effective Elder	1879 Jan. 28.
9	" Peter Brown	Louisiana 1875	1875	Deacon	1879 Oct.
10	" James M. Vance	African Zion	1869	Effective Elder	1880 Ap'l 30.
11	" Geo. Washington, No. 2	Louisiana 1869	1869	Effective Elder	1880 Oct. 25.
12	" Robert Hodge	Miss. Mission 1866	1869	Superannuated	1881 Mar. 12
13	" James Hayward	Miss. Mission 1866	1869	Superannuated	1881 Mar. 20
14	" Reason Ennis	Louisiana 1870	1870	Supernum'rary	1882
15	" John Brooks	Miss. Mission 1868	1869	Supernum'rary	1882 Aug. 1.
16	" Marshall Smith	Louisiana 1874	1874	Located Elder	1882
17	" Scott Chinu	Licensed before the war by M. E. C. South	Founder 1865	Superannuated	1882 June 17
18	" John W. Wesley	Louisiana 1869	1869	Supernum'rary	1883 Feb. 18.
19	" Thos. Kennedy	Miss. Mission 1865	1869	Effective Elder	1883 Nov. 1.
20	" Isaac Hayward	Louisiana 1870	1870	Effective Elder	1883 Feb. 12.
21	" James A. Dean, D. D.	Providence 1860	1882	Ex-President N.O. University	1885 Mar. 30
22	" Joseph Gould	Miss. Mission 1866	1869	Supernum'rary	1886 Mar. 1.
23	" Nicholas Burton	African M. E. Church, 1872	1881	Supernum'rary	1887
24	" Henry Green	Licensed before the war by M. E. Ch. South	Founder 1865	Superannuated	1888 Mar. 10
25	" A. F. Hoyt, A.M., S.T.B.	Michigan	1884	Effective Elder & College Pres.	1888 Oct. 27.
26	" Geo. W. Shelby	Louisiana 1888	1888	Deacon	1888 Oct. 19.
27	" Samuel Osborne	Miss. Mission 1866	Founder 1865	Superannuated	1890 Mar.

No.	NAMES.	Joined Itinerancy when and in what Conference.	Joined Louisiana when ?	Retation at the time of death.	Died, when ?
28	Rev. Alfred Legardy	Louisiana 1873	1873	Superannuated	1891 Feb. 2.
29	" Wm. Smith	Louisiana 1878	1878	Effective Elder	1891 Nov. 2.
30	" R. J. Thomas	Louisiana 1882	1882	" "	1892 Jan. 28.
31	" Wm. Murrell	Miss. Mission 1865	Founder 1865	Superannuated Elder	1892 Feb. 7.
32	" Charles Downs	Louisiana 1869	1869	" "	1892 Feb. 17.
33	" Levi Johnson	Miss. Missisn 1867	Founder 1865	" "	1892 Feb. 14
34	" Anthony Ross	Miss. Mission 1865	Founder 1865	" "	1893 July 11
35	" Presley Yarborongh	Louisiana 1871	1871	Superannuated	1893
36	" Cortez Thompson	Louisiana 1873	1873	Supernum'rary	1893 Sept. 5.
37	" Sanders S. Wright	Louisiana 1881	1881	Effective Elder	1894 Jan. 19.
38	" John W. Collett	Louisiana 1891	1891	Traveling Deacon	1894 June 18
39	" Perry Hall	Louisiana 1870	1870	Superaunuate	1894
40	" Austin Kennedy	Louisiana 1870	1870	" "	1894
41	" Alex. Primus	Louisiana 1873	1873	" "	1895 Jan. 3
42	" Reese Thompson	Louisiana 1876	1876	" "	1895 Jan. 20
43	" Simon Evans	Louisiana 1879	1879	Effective Elder	1895 Jan. 28
44	" Wm. P. Forrest	A. M. E. Church	1869	" "	1895 June 16
45	" Alex. J. Ford	Louisiana 1880	1880	" "	1895. Oct.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST OFFICE.
1	Abbott, H. T. O	Malden Chapel	New Orleans
2	Adkinson, L. G	Prest. N. O. University	5318 St. Charles ave., New Orleans
3	Albert, A. E. P	Vice Prest. Gilbert Academy	Baldwin
4	Anderson, Robt	Lafayette	Lafayette
5	Angrum, C. M	Stony Point Ct	Dennis Mill
6	Armstead, Sam'l	Superanuate	Shreveport
7	Armston, H. C	Kenner and Hanson City	Kenner
8	Augustus, Julius R	Jeanerette	Jeannerette
9	Banks, A. H	New Iberia	New Iberia
10	Barnes, Chas C	Supernumerary	Ethel
11	Barrow, R. C	Woodlawn	Bertie
12	Baptiste, Eugene	Scott Chinn	New Orleans
13	Bell, Samuel	Franklinton and Hayes	Franklinton
14	Benn, Julius	Mandeville	Mandeville
15	Bibbs, Pompey	Bodcau	Bodeau
16	Bolden, Braxton	Asbury and Algiers	Algiers
17	Bowers, F. D	Winsted	Baldwin
18	Bryan, C. D.C	Gammon Theo. Seminary	South Atlanta, Ga.
19	Bryan, Jas. M	Slidell and Pearlville	Slidell
20	Burton, Nelson	LaPlace and Lutcher	LaPlace
21	Butler, D. G	Pleasant Plains	New Orleans
22	Butler, W. R	First St. Church	New Orleans
23	Carr, Bedford	Merrill and Mt. Zion	Woodville, Miss.
24	Carr, Willis	Patoutville	Patoutville
25	Carroll, Sanders	Napoleonville	Napoleonville
26	Chapman, Valcour	Franklin	Franklin
27	Chinn, F. T	P. E. Monroe Dist	Monroe
28	Clark, E. H	St. Charles	Hahnvjlle
29	Clark, P. W	Bastrop and Washington	Bastrop
30	Colton, P. C	Shady Grove	Mansfield
31	Conerly, Alex	Supernumerary	Florenville
32	Crawford, R. L	Missionary Gulf Mission	
33	Crocket, Chas	Morgan City	Morgan City
34	Daniels, Hubbard	St. Mark	Baton Rouge
35	Davage, Samuel	White Hall	Central
36	Davis, Augustus G	Musson Ct	Musson
37	Davis, Wm	Noshua and Lower Coast	New Orleans
38	Duncan, Stephen	P. E. N. O. North Dist	New Orleans
39	Dyer, M. J	Bayou Goula	Bayou Goula
40	Ector, Wm	Columbus and Leesville	Columbus
41	Emmett, Wm	St. Peter	Clinton
42	Fairfax, M. T	Allen and St. Paul	Allen
43	Fields, Edward	Darrowville	Dorrowville
44	Fisher, Jackson L		
45	Fopp, John		
46	Franklin, M. P	Port Allen and Brusle	Port Allen
47	Gair, H. C	Booneville	Bunkie
48	Gayden, Z. T	Glencoe and Island	Crawford
49	Godman, Wm. D	Prest. Gilbert Academy	Baldwin
50	Goins, E. C	Plaquemine and India Village	Plaquemine

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST OFFICE.
51	Goins, M. S	Campte and Mt. Zion	Campte
52	Gray, Alfred	Vanceville	Vanceville
53	Harris, Emanuel P	Pontchatoula and Springfield	Ponchatoula
54	Harris, Wm. S	Schriever	Shriever
55	Harrison, David	Baker and Plank Road	Baker
56	Harrison, Ephraim	Bunkie	Bunkie
57	Harrison, Wm	Pleasant Hill and St; Matthew	Pleasant Hill
58	Hartzell, J. C	Cor. Sec. F. & S. E. Society	Cincinnati, O.
59	Harvey, Frank	Gretna	Gretna
60	Hason, S R	Longstreet	Longstreet
61	Hilton, Abraham	New River	Belle Helene
62	Hilton, J. W	Camp Parapette	New Orleans
63	Hubbard, B. M	Gammon Theo. Seminary	So. Atlanta, Ga.
64	Hudson, J. W	St. James	Shreveport
65	Hunter, M. H	Olivier	Olivier
66	Hutcherson, Emerson	Macedonia Ct.	Clinton
67	James, Hampton	P. E. Shreveport Dist	Shreveport
68	Johnson, A. J	Cade and Breaux Bridge	Cade
69	Johnson, Cornelius	Prin. Alexandria Academy	Alexandria
70	Johnson, George	Mt. Sinai and Beulah	Bastrop
71	Johnson, Joseph	Waxia and Palmetto	Waxia
72	Johnson, T. J	Wesley Chapel	New Orleans
73	Jones, Austin	Anderson	Anderson
74	Jones, Joseph	Pineville	Pineville
75	Kershaw, C. W	St. Peter	Jeannerette
76	King, C. A	Superintendent Gulf Mission	Lake Charles
77	Landry, Pierre	P. E. South New Orleans Dist	New Orleans
78	Larkins, Travis	Lake Charles	Lake Charles
79	Lashington, F. M	Lake Providence	Lake Providence
80	Luster, Allen	Priestly Chapel & Jones Creek	Baton Rouge
81	Marshall, J. F	P. E. Baton Rouge Dist	Baton Rouge
82	Moore, Addison	Wesley Chapel	Baton Rouge
83	Martin, Alex	Supernumerary	New Orleans
84	Monroe, Charles	Williams Chapel	New Orleans
85	Montgomery, T. G	Mt. Zion	New Orleans
86	Morant, S. E. H	P. E. Alexandria Dist	Alexandria
87	McCary, Thomas	Thibodeaux	Thibodaux
88	McClellen, H. A	Melville and Summer Chapel	Melville
89	McGlockin, A. G	Bedford and Wesley	Bedford
90	Mitchell, Simon	Brownlee	Brownlee
91	Obee, J. J	Marthaville and Mary	Marthaville
92	Osburn, E. W	St. Charles Ave	New Orleans
93	Panelle, Anatole	Supernumerary	New Orleans
94	Pardee, I. N	Missionary in Gulf Mission	Jennings
95	Pharris, D. G	Caspers and Jones Chapel	Fourche
96	Payne, Geo. A	Jackson and Argadine	Jackson
97	Pickett, A. J	Washington and Plaisance	Washington
98	Pierre, J. H	Godman Chapel	Baldwin
99	Pool, J. D	Albert Chapel	Zachary
100	Porter, Wm	St. Matthew	New Orleans
101	Powell, Edward	Abbeville Circuit	Abbeville
102	Price, D. J	Simpson Chapel	New Orleans
103	Price, W. J. M	Alexandria	Alexandria
104	Priestly Stephen	Mallalieu	New Orleans

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST OFFICE.
105	Proctor, A. J.	Wesley and Asbury	Wilson.
106	Randolph, Neptune R	Robeline and New Town	Robeline.
107	Reeves, C. W.	Gammon Theo. Seminary	So. Atlanta, Ga.
108	Reeves, Fred B	Superanuate	Kansas City, Kan.
109	Reddix, B. J	Conrad	Manchac.
110	Richards, E. B	Opelousas	Opelousas
111	Robidoux, P. J	Missionary Gulf Mission	Ebenezer.
112	Robertson, James	Grand Cane	Grand Cane.
113	Rogers, G. J	Monroe	Monroe.
114	Rylander, J. H	Mt. Carmel	Woodland.
115	Scott, I. R	Hartzell Chapel	Rosedale.
116	Seals, D. M	Houma and Dulac	Houma.
117	Shallowhorne, C. D	Donaldsonville	Donaldsonville.
118	Shelby, David	Fairmount and Kynett	Fairmount.
119	Sorrell, H. A	Slaughter	Slaughter.
120	Sparks, John	Superanuate	Pleasant Hill
121	Taylor, Henry	Union Chapel	New Orleans.
122	Tillman, Stephen	Sorrell and Union Chapel	Cypremort.
123	Tircuit, J. A	St. Paul	Shreveport.
124	Turner, Wesley	St. Martinsville	St. Martinsville.
125	Venable, Abraham	Mt. Nebo	Bastrop.
126	Vincent, J. A	Cheneyville	Cheneyville.
127	Walker, Frank	Haven Chapel	New Orleans.
128	Wallace, Horace	Superanuate	Alexandria.
129	Washington Geo	Superanuate	Cuba.
130	Welch, H. W	Eola	Eola.
131	Wells, George W	Nachitoches	Nachitoches.
132	Williams, Emperor	Superanuate	New Orleans.
133	Williams, H. O	Superanuate	New Orleans.
134	Wilson; H. O	Hubertville	Jeanerette.
135	Woodson, Chas. K	Prest. Baldwin Academy	Baldwin.
136	Wright, Cadmus C	Letsworth & Mission Chapel	Letsworth.
137	Wrignt, H. J	P. E. Nachitoches Dist	Nachitoches.

PROBATIONERS SECOND YEAR.

1	Chinn, Walter S.	Gammon Theo. Seminary	So. Atlanta, Ga.
2	Clemons, Isaac C.	" " "	" " "
3	King, Horace	Jennings and Welch	Jennings.
4	Lacy, Arthur A	Shady Grove	Ball Town.
5	Lewis, James A	Boyce and Williamson Creek	Boyce.
6	Amos, Wm. L	Sunflower	Eola.
7	Brown, James A.	Mansfield	Mansfield.
8	Mason, Surry, A	Fairfield	Shreveport.
9	Morris, Timothy P	Winnsboro	Winnsboro.
10	Richards, Jesse O	Clinton	Clinton.
11	Taylor, Daniel G	St. John	Edgard.

PROBATIONERS FIRST YEAR.

1	Bayless, J. P	To attend School	Shreveport.
2	Boatner, D. W.	Thomson Chapel	New Orleans.
3	Bradford, C. E	New Roads	New Roads.
4	Craig, J. H	Rylander Chapel	Olive Branch.
5	Daniel, Hernando	Round Grove	Shreveport.
6	Green, Sam'l	St. Luke and Brandon	Magnolia.

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST OFFICE.
7	Jackson, Andrew L	Berwick	Berwick.
8	Orcutt, J. C	Hammond	Hammond.
9	Thompson, Joseph	Rayne and Crowley	Rayne.
10	Vital, Joseph	Italian First Church	New Orleans.
11	Williams, Thomas	Avoca and Rigolets	Rapides.
12	Wilson, John	Pattersonville	Pattersonville.
13	Worsham, Robt. C	St. Paul and Vincent	Clinton.
		SUPPLIES.	
1	Brightop, J. D	Rocky Mound	Rocky Mound.
2	Calvin, W. C	Woodworth	Woodworth.
3	Chapman, H. C	Old River and Chopin	Old River.
4	Davis, Duke	Labodieville	Labodieville.
5	Davis, John	Island	Island.
6	Dyes, Will C	Naborton and Mt. Carmel	Naborton.
7	Goins, A. W	Lake End and Pine Grove	Lake End.
8	Goins, James J	Alpha and Union	Alpha.
9	Goulden, A.	Delhi	Delhi.
10	Goldston, G. G	Cave River and St. Maurice	St. Maurice.
11	Harrison, M. C	Coushatta and Mt. Zion	Coushatta.
12	Hason, S. R	Longstreet	Longstreet.
13	McKee, John	Flournay	Flournay.
14	Narcisse, Paul	Vivian	Klotzville.
15	Robinson, H. J	Red River and Island	Smithland.
16	Scott, E. H	St. Patrick and St. James	St. Patrick.
17	Smith, J. C	Cotton and Bordelonville	Cotton Port.
18	Smith, J. W.	Verdenville and Centerville	Centerville.
19	Spears, C	Wilson and Norwood	Wilson.
20	Tademy, R. S	Willow Glen and Moreland	Moreland.
21	Thomas, Austin	LeCompte and Spring Creek	Le Compte.
22	Thomas, Jacob	Grand Cot and Evergreen	Evergreen.
23	Vincent, Alfred	Morrows	Morrows.
24	Walker, W. J	Abbeville Mission	Abbeville.
25	Wilson, John	Pattersonville	Pattersonville.
26	Williams, J. R	Colfax and Kateland	Colfax.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Alexandria District.

S. E. H. MORANT, Pres. Elder.
P. O. Alexandria.

Abbeville Circuit....*Edward Powell*
Abbeville Mission, ...
W. J. Walker, Supply
Alexandria,. .. W. M. J. Price
Avoca and Rigolets,.....
Thomas Williams
Booneville,.....H. C. Gair
Bunkie, ... E. Harrison
Cade and Breaux Bridge,...
A. J. Johnson
Cheneyville,.....J. A. Vincent
Cottonport and Bordenville,
J. C. Smith, Supply
Eola,..... ..... H. W. Welsh
Glencoe and Island,...Z. T. Gayden
Grand Cot and Evergreen,..
Jake Thomas
Hubertville, ...H. C. Wilson
Jeanerette,.. .....J. L. Augustus
Jennings and Welsh,..*Horace King*
Lafayette,.....
Robert Anderson
Le Compt and Spring Creek,
Supply, Austin Thomas
Lake Charles,. ....:Travis Larkins
Morrows, ...Ab. Vincent, Supply
New Iberia,.....A. H. Banks
Olivier,... ..... W. H. Hunter
Opelousas, ...E. B. Richards
Pineville ....Joseph Jones
Pattouville,..... .....Willis Carr
Rayne and Crowley,... ....
Joseph H. Thompson
St. Martinsville,..... J. W. Turner
St Peter,.. .....C. W. Kershaw
Sorrell and Union,..Steven Tillman
Sunflower, ...*Wm. L. Amos*
Washington and Pleasance,.
A. J. Pickett
Willow Glenn and Moreland,
Supply, R. S. Tadermy
Waxia and Palmetto,....
Joseph Johnson
Woodworth,.....W. C. Calvin
Alexandria Academy *Cornelius Johnson*, Principal and Member of the Alexandria quarterly Conference.

Baton Rouge District.

J. F. MARSHALL, Pres. Elder.
P. O. Baton Rouge, La.

St. Mark,..... .Hubbard Daniels
Wesley Chapel,..... Addison Moore
Bayou Goula.....W. J. Dyer
Baker and Plank Road, . .
David Harrison
Clinton,.....*J. O. Richards*
Conrad.....B. J. Reddix
Hartzell Chapel, P. O. Rosedale,..... .....I. R. Scott
Jackson and Argodine,.G. A. Payne
Lettsworth and Union Chapel,
C. C. Wright
Macedonia Circuit, P. O.
Clinton,.....E. Hutchinson
Merrill Chapel, Mt. Zion,
B. Carr
Mount Carmel, P. O. Woodland,..... ....J. H. Rylander
Musson Circuit..... ..A. G. Davis
Melville & Sumner Chapel.
H. A. McLellan
New Roads. .....*C. E. Bradford*
Plaquemine and Indian Village,..... ..E. C. Goins
Port Allen & Brusly,.M. P. Franklin
Priestly & Jones Creek, P. O.
Baton Rouge... .Allen Luster
Red River & Island;.....
Supplied by H. J. Robinson
Rylander Chapel, P. O. Olive Branch,..... . *J. H. Craig*
Slaughter,..... ... .. H. A. Sorrell
St. Paul and Vincent Chapel
P. O. Clinton,..*R. C. Worsham*
Stony Point Circuit, P. O.
Magnolia,.....*C. W. Angrum*
St. Luke & Brandon, P. O.
Clinton,.....*Samuel Green*
St. Peter,..... ...Wm. Emmett
Wesley & Asbury, P. O.
Wilson,.....A. J. Proctor
Wilson and Norwood,..Supplied by..... ....C. Spears

Monroe District.

F. T. CHINN, Pres. Elder,
P. O. Monroe.

Anderson,..... Supplied by Auston Jones
Bastrop and Washington,...
Peter W. Clark.
Caspers & Jones Chapel,....
D. G. Pharris
Collinston,.....60..... Supplied
Delhi,..... Supplied, A. Gaulden
Fort Necessity,.....Supplied
Lake Providence,..F. M. Lashington
Monroe, ...G. J. Rogers
Mount Nebo,.....A. B. Venable
Mount Sinai and Beulah....,
George Johnson
Winnsboro,....Supplied T. P. Norris
Waco,..... Supplied.

Natchitoches District.

HENRY J. WRIGHT, Pres. Elder.
P. O. Natchitoches, La.

Allen and St. Paul,....M. T. Fairfax
Alpha and Union, ...
Supplied by James F. Goins
Campte and Mt. Zion,..M. S. Goins
Bedford and Wesley,.....
Alfred McGlocklin
Boyce and Williamson Creek
James W. Lewis
Chopin and Old River,.....
Supplied by H. C. Chapman
Colfax and Kateland,.....
Supplied by J. R. Williams
Columbus and Leesivlle,....
William Ector
Coushatta and Mt. Zion,....
Supplied by M. C. Harrison
Cane River and St. Maurice,
Supplied by G. G. Golston
Fairmount and Kynet,.....
David Shelby
Lake End and Pine Grove,
Supplied by A. W. Goins
Marthaville and Many,...J. J. Obee
Nachitoches and Grand Ecoe,
George W. Wells
Naborton and Mount Carmel,
Supplled by Will C. Dyas
Pleasant Hill and St. Matthew, ...William Harrison
Robeline and New Town,....
Neptune Randolph

New Orleans Central District.

L. G. ADKINSON, Pres. Elder,
P. O. 5318 St. Charles ave.,
New Orleans, La.

Hammond,..... *James C. Orcutt*
New Orleans.
City Mission,.....To be Supplied
French Church .To be Supplied
Italian First Church....*Joseph Vital*
St. Charlss Ave., .. . E. W. Osburn
L. G. Adkinson, Prest. New Orleans University. C. A. King, C. K. Woodson, R. L. Crawford, P. J. Bobideaux, Ira N. Pardee in Gulf Mission.

New Orleans North District.

STEPHEN DUNCAN, Pres. Elder.
P. O. 7001 Burthe st., New Orleans, La.

Asbury and Algiers Mission,
(P. O. Algiers),..Braxton Bolden
Darrowville,.....Edward Fields
Franklinton and Hayes Creek,
Sam'l Bell
Gretna,.....Frank Harvey
Kenner and Hanson City,..
H. C. Armston
LaPlace and Lutcher,.Nelson Burton
Mandeville and Winan Chapel,
Julius Benn
New Orleans, Malden Chapel,
H. T. O. Abbott
Mt. Zion, ...T. G. Montgomery
Nashua and Lower Coast,..
Wm. Davis
Pleasant Plains,.....D. G. Butler
St. Matthew,..... *Wm. Porter*
Scott Chinn,.....Eugene Baptiste
Thomson Chapel,....*D. W. Boatner*
Union Chapel, ...T. J. Johnson
New River Ct., (P. O. Belle Hellene),.....Abram Hilton
Ponchatoula and Springfield,
E. P. Harris
St. Charles, (P. O. Hahnville),
E. H. Clark

St. John, (P. O. Edgard), *D. G. Taylor*
Shady Grove, (P. O. Balltown), *A. A. Lacey*
Slidell and Pearlville,....J. M. Bryan
Whitehall, (P. O. Central), Sam'l Davage
J. C. Hartzell, Cor. Sec. Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Society,, Member Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

New Orleans South District.

PIERRE LANDRY, Pres. Elder.
P. O. Constance st., New Orleans, La.

Beattieville, to be Supplied.
Berwick, (Supplied by).... **A. L. Jackson**
Camp Parapette, ...J. W. Hilton
Centerville and Verdunville, **John W. Smith**
Donaldsonville,.C. D. Shallowhorne
Franklin,..... Valcour Chapman
Godman Chapel, (P. O. Baldwin),.....John H. Pierre
Houma and Dulac,.....D. M. Seals
Island, (Supplied by)...**John Davis**
Labadeville, (Supplied by) Duke Davis
Morgan City,.....Charles Crockett
Napoleonville, ... Sanders Carroll

New Orleans—
First Street Church,...W. R. Butler
Haven Chapel,.....Frank Walker
Mallalieu,.....Stephen Priestly
Simpson Chapel.....S. J. Price
University Charge, (Supplied by) .....L. G. Adkinson
Williams Chapel, ..Charles Monroe
Patterson, (Supplied by). . **John Wilson**
Schriever,.. .....W. S. Harris
Thibodaux, ...Thos. McCary
St. Patrick & St. James Station, Supplied by. **E. H. Scott**
Vidron Chapel, Supplied by **Paul Narcisse**
Winsted, P. O. Baldwin,.... F. D. Bowers
Woodlawn, P. O. Bertie.... R. C. Barrow
W. D. Godman, President Gilbert Academy and member of Winsted Quarterly Conference.
A. E. P. Albert, Vice-Prest. Gilbert Academy and member Winsted Quarterly Conference.

Shreveport District.

HAMPTON JAMES, Pres. Elder.
P. O. Shreveport.

Bodeau,... .....*P. Bibbs*
Brownlee,.....S. Mitchell
Fairfield, P. O. Shreveport,. *S. A. Mason*
Flournoy, Supplied by..John McKee
Longstreet, Supplied....S. R. Mason
Grand Cane,..... James Robertson
Mansfield,..... ....J. O. Brown
Minden and Odam, Supplied
Rocky Mound, Supplied by J. D. Brightop
Round Grove, P. O. Shreveport,.... .....H. Daniel
Shady Grove, P. O. Mansfield, P. C. Colton
Shreveport, St. James,.J. W. Hudson
" St. Paul,.. J. A. Tircuit
Vanceville,.....A. Gray
G. W. Reeves, I. C. Clemons, W. S. Chinn, B. M. Hubbard, C. D. C. Bryan, *J. P. Bayliss*, left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Mt. Zion Church, New Orleans, La., January 15-20, 1896. Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald presiding; A. E. P. Albert, Secretary. Post office of Secretary, 7800 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La.

QUESTION 1ST. *Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Joseph Vital, a probationer of the first year from Italy. Ira N. Pardee, from Northwest Iowa. John H. Burger, a probationer of the first year from Georgia.—3.

Question 2d. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

Question 3d. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

Question 4th. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of First Year—John P. Bayless, Thomas Williams, Joseph Thompson, Daniel W. Boatner, Andrew L. Jackson, Cyrus E. Bradford, Samuel Green, Robt. C. Worsham, Hernando Daniels, James C. Orcutt, Jefferson H. Craig, John H. Burger—12.

(*b*) In Studies of Third Year—None.

Question 5th. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(*a*) In Studies of First Year—Horace King, Daniel G. Taylor—2.

(*b*) In Studies of Second Year—Timothy P. Norris, Jesse O. Richards, James O. Brown, Surry A. Mason, Arthur A. Lacy, William L. Amos—6.

(*c*) In Studies of Third Year—Isaac C. Clemons, Walter S. Chinn—2.

(*d*) In Studies of Fourth Year—None.

Question 6th. *Who have been Discontinued?*

James Lopez—1.

Question 7th. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year—Cornelius Johnson—1.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously—Henry A. McClellan—1.

Question 8th. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(*a*) Admittted into Full Membership this year—None.

(*b*) Admitted into Full Membership previously—Alexander Conerly, Calvin M. Angrum, Hanover O. Williams, Jackson F. Fisher, Pompey Bibbs, Wm. Ector, James W. Lewis, Ed. Powell, Bedford Carr—9.

Question 9th. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Wm. Porter, David Harrison, Daniel G. Pharris; Henry A. McClellan and Cornelius Johnson admitted into full membership in 1896—5.

Question 10th. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Elders this year—None.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Elders previously—None.

Question 11th. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(*a*) As Local Preachers—John W. Smith, Joseph H. Thompson, Cornelius Johnson, John Wilson, Samuel Green, Hernando

Daniels, Cyrus E. Bradford, Cornelius Spears, Paul Narcisse, Emperor H. Scott, Daniel W. Boatner, John P. Bayless—12.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule—Joseph Vital.

Question 12th. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(*a*) As Local Deacons—None.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule—None.

Question 13th. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

Yes, in open Conference as their names were called.

Question 14th. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Alexander P. Camphor, a probationer of the Second Year transferred to the Delaware Conference—1

Question 15th. *Who have died?*

William P. Forrest, Alexander J. Ford—2.

Question 16th. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

Question 17th. *Who have been Located?*—None.

Question 18th. *Who have Withdrawn?*—None.

Question 19th. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*—None.

Question 20th. *Who have been Expelled?*—None.

Question 21st. *What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

Question 22d. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Anatolle Panalle, Alexander Conerly, Charles C. Barnes—3.

Question 23d. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Alexander Martin, George Washington, John Sparks, Horace Wallace, Austin Jones, Hanover O. Williams, Emperor Wil-

liams, John Fopp, Samuel Armstead, Frederick Reeves---10

Question 24th. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

A. J. Pickett, J. J. Obee, J. H. Rylander, Henry Taylor, T. J. Johnson, Stephen Duncan, F. M. Lashington—7

Question 25th. *What is the Stattstical Report for this year?*

MEMBERSHIP—

No. of Probationers	1762
No. of full members	12903
No. of local preachers	511
No. of deaths	401

BAPTISMS—

No. of children baptized	1746
No. of adults baptized	975

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—

No. of schools	221
No. of officers and teachers	1252
No. of scholars of all ages	10724

CHURCH PROPERTY—

No. of churches, 221; probable value	$260,469 00
No. of parsonages 107; probable value	55,542 00
Paid on buildings and improving churches and parsonages	23,280 00
Present indebtedness on church property	27,568 00
Paid on old indebtedness on church property	6,645 00

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS—

For Missions—From Churches $698 00	
" " From Sunday-schools 279 00—Total	977 00
For Sunday-school Union	64 00
For Tract Society	70 00

For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society	799 00
For Education	141 00
For American Bible Society	31 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	17 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society	26 00
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—	
For Pastor, house rent, Presiding Elder and Bishops	63,352 00
For Conference claimants	248 00
For General Conference Expenses (for details see Statistical Tables)	114 00

Question 26th. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*---$2738.

Question 27th. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

Not answered.

Question 28th. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*---$1234, See Steward's Report.

Question 29th. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*---See Appointments.

Question 30th. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Donaldsonville, La.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Wednesday, January 15, 1896.

The Twenty-Eighth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Jackson street, between Magnolia and Ferret streets, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Presiding Bishop: Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., LL. D., was present as presiding bishop.

The Opening Religious Exercises were conducted by the Bishop, who announced the hymn, 'Guide Me, O, thou Great Jehovah, etc.,'' after which the Rev. Frank Walker led in prayer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

Roll Call.--The Secretary of the last session of the Conference called the roll, and the following were present, viz:

FULL MEMBERS.

Abbott, H. T. O.	Angrum, C. M.	Augustus, Julius
Adkinson, L. G.	Armstead, Sam'l	Banks, A. H.
Albert, A. E. P.	Armston, H. C.	Barrow, R. C.

Baptiste, Eugene
Bell, Julius
Bibbs, Pompey
Bolden, Braxton
Bowers, F. D.
Bryan, J. M.
Butler, D. G.
Butler, W. R.
Carr, Willis
Chapman, Valcour
Chinn, F. T.
Clark, E. H.
Clark, P. W.
Colton, P. C.
Daniels, Hubbard
Davage, Sam'l
Davis, Augustus G.
Davis, Wm.
Duncan, Stephen
Dyer, M. J.
Ector, Wm.
Payne, Geo. A.
Pickett, A. J.
Pool, J. D.
Price. D. J.
Proctor, A. J.
Robertson, James
Seals, D. M.
Taylor, Henry
Vincent, J. A.
Wells, Geo. W.
Emmett, Wm.
Fairfax, M. T.
Fields, Edward
Franklin, M. P.
Gair, H. C.
Gayden, Z. T.
Goins, E. C.
Harris, E. P.
Harris, W. S.
Harrison, David
Harrison, Ephaim
Harrison, Wm.
Hartzell, J. C.
Harvey, Frank
Hason, S. R.
Hilton, Abram
Hilton, J. W.
Hudson, J. W.
Hunter, M. H.
Hutcherson, E.
James, Hampton
Scott, I. R.
Reddix, B. J.
Porter, Wm.
Price, W. J. M.
Randolph, N. R.
Rogers, G. J.
Shallowhome, C. D.
Turner, Wesley
Walker, Frank
Wilson, H. C.
Johnson, A. J.
Johnson, George
Johnson, T. J.
Johnson, Joseph
Jones, Joseph
Kershaw, C. W.
Landry, Pierre
Larkins, Travis
Lashington, F. M.
Luster, Allen
Marshall, J. F.
Moore, Addison
Monroe, Charles
Montgomery, T. G.
Morant, S. E. H.
McCary Thomas
McGlocklin, A. G.
Mitchell, Simon
Obee, J. J.
Osburn, E. W.
Pharris, D. G.
Wright, H. J.
Tircuit, J. A.
Powell, Edmond
Priestly, Stephen
Richards, E. B.
Rylander, J. H.
Sorrell, H. A.
Venable, Abram
Welch, H. W.
Wright, C. C.---105.

PROBATIONERS OF THE SECOND YEAR

Johnson, Cornelius
King, Horace
Lacy, Arthur A.
Lewis, James W.--4.

PROBATIONERS OF THE FIRST YEAR.

Amos, W. L. Brown, James O. Mason, Surry A.
Richards, Jesse O. Taylor, Daniel G.---5.

Deceased.--Wm. P. Forrest and Alexander J. Ford, had died during the year.

Transferred.--George S. Easton and G. B. Giambruno, had been transferred to the Cincinnati Conference; and Alex. P. Camphor, a probationer of the Second Year had been transferred to the Deleware Conference.

Organization.--*Secretary*; A. E. P. Albert was nominated for secretary, and their being no other nomination, he was unanimously elected by a *viva voce* vote.

Assistant Secretaries.--The following assistant secretaries nominated by the Secretary, were elected: D. J. Price, J. A. Tircuit, W. R. Butler, George W. Wells, and F. D. Bowers.

Railroad Secretaries.--E. H. Clark, Thos. McCary, and W. S. Harris, were elected Railroad Secretaries.

Statistical Secretary.--J. W. Hudson and Thos. McCary were nominated for Statistical Secretary, and J. W. Hudson was elected.

Assistant Statistical Secretaries.--J. J. Obee, Hampton James, W. S. Harris, and Wm. Porter, were elected assistant Statistical Secretaries.

Treasurer.--Valcour Chapman. was elected treasurer by acclammation.

Assistant Treasurers were elected as follows, viz: Z. T. Gayden, and W. J. M. Price.

The Conference Bar was fixed so as to extend from the pulpit to the fifth window.

The Time of Meeting and Adjournment was fixed as follows: The time of meeting was fixed for 8:30 a. m., the first half-hour to be devoted to religious exercises, and of adjournment at 1:30 p. m.

Postmaster.---F. M. Lashington was elected Conference Postmaster.

Communications Received and Referred.---A communication from the Gammon Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education; one from the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, apportioning the sum of $595 to be raised for the Episcopal Fund, was referred to the Presiding Elders to be apportioned among the several districts and charges; one to the Statistical Secretary, from the Publisher of the General Minutes; and one referring to the interest of the Gospel in all Lands were referred respectively to the Statistical Secretary, and the Committee on the Gospel in All Lands.

Standing Committees Appointed.---The following Committees, nominated by the Presiding Elders, were appointed viz:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.--A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry, T. G. Montgomery.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Ed., and Board of Education.—J. C. Hartzell, Robt. Anderson, Wm. Porter, F. M. Lashington, L. G. Adkinson, J. J. Obee, A. E. P. Albert, Hampton James, Henry Taylor.

Sunday School and Tracts.—J. W. Hilton, Emerson Hutcherson, M. J. Dyer, C. K. Woodson, Sam'l Davage, E. C. Goins, J. H. Pierre, Z. T. Gayden.

Conference Stewards. –Officers and Managers of the Preacher's Aid Society.

Temperance and Prohibition.—E. W. Osburn, G. J. Rogers, A. G. McGlocklin, E. H. Clark, Allen Luster, George Johnson, Chas. Monroe, A. H. Banks, J. A. Tircuit.

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission.—Valcour Chapman, James Robertson, Frank Walker, Pompey Bibbs, Abram Venable, J. W. Turner, M. P. Franklin.

Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts.—T. J. Johnson, P. W. Clark, Thomas McCary.

Memoirs.—Stephen Priestly, A. E. P. Albert, Stephen Duncan.

Conference Relations.—T. G. Montgomery, Simon Mitchell, J. A. Vincent, M. S. Goins, N. R. Randolph, Alfred Gray.

Book Accounts.—C. D. Shallowhone.

Bible Cause.—W. S. Harris, E. B. Richards, I. R. Scott, D. G. Pharris, Wm. Harrison, Ed. Fields, S. R. Hason, Nelson Burton.

Church Extension.—Addison Moore, D. M. Seals, Hampton James, H. W. Welch, D. J. Price, P. C. Colton, W. R. Butler.

Old Minutes Accounts.—J. D. Pool, Emerson Hutcherson, J. W. Lewis, T. J. Johnson, Hampton James, C. D. Shallowhone Julius Augustus, J. Jones.

Old Folks Home.—J. W. Hilton, S. E. H. Morant, T. J. Johnson, J. W. Hudson, Henry Taylor, W. R. Butler, H. J. Wright, Frank Harvey.

Orphan's Home.—J. C. Hartzell, Pierre Landry, J. F. Marshall, A. E. P. Albert, Stephen Duncan, Hampton James, Valcour Chapman, Henry Taylor, F. T. Chinn, Addison Moore, H. A. Sorrell.

Gospel in All Lands.—Henry Taylor.

Periodicals.—J. C. Hartzell, A. G. Davis, A. J. Pickett, Eugene Baptiste, A. J. Proctor, D. G. Butler, G. A. Payne, F D. Bowers.

Resolutions.—W. J. M. Price, H. C. Armston, B. J. Reddix, E. P. Harris, M. H. Hunter, H. T. O. Abbot.

Committees to Select Their own Chairmen.—The Presiding Elders recommended and the Conference instructed the Committees to select their own chairmen and secretaries.

Book Concern and Chartered Fund Dividends.—The Bishop presented a draft of $1086 from the Book Concern dividend, and one of $22. from the Chartered fund, which were ordered paid.

Dr. Hammond's Address.—The Rev. E. W. S. Hammod, D. D., Editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate was introduced, and addressed the Conference, in behalf of the cause he represents.

General Conference Fund.—A communication apportioning $—— to the conference to be raised for the entertainment of the General Conference was received from the Committee on General Conference Entertainment and the same was referred to the Presiding Elders to be apportioned to the several districts and charges, and to be raised during or before the first quarterly round of the Presiding Elders.

Universal Temperance Sunday.—A communication from the National W. C. T. U., requesting the endorsement of the Conference, in favor of the observance of the fourth Sunday in November in each year, as Universal Temperance Sunday was read, and the movement was unanimously endorsed, and our delegates in the General Conference, when elected, were requested to favor the movement in that body.

Memorial for a Subsidy for the Southwestern, and for a Book Depository.—On Motion of J. C. Hartzell, our delegates to the General Conference were instructed to memorialize the General Conference to grant an annual subsidy of $3000. for the support of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and to establish a Book Depository in New Orleans.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced: Revs. J. F. Cox, J. W. Willard, and C. Augustus, of the A. M. E. Church Rev. Dr. Matthai, of the Southern German Conference, Rev. Dr. W. H. Nelson, of the Central Alabama Conference, Mr. Augustin, Reporter of the Picayune, Bro. Schaltz, of one of our German churches, and the Revs. F. D. Bunton, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, and J. H. Burrell of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Baldwin's Address. The Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D. D., recording secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of the cause of missions.

Mayor Fitzpatrick welcomes the Conference. His honor the Mayor of the city of New Orleans, the Hon. John Fitzpatrick, was introduced, and after being given an ovation by the Conference delivered the following address of welcome, which was unanimously ordered to be spread upon the minutes, viz:

Gentlemen of the Conference: It gives me great pleasure, I assure you, to attend this conference, composed, as it is, of all the leading ministers of the gospel of this state who have assembled here to-day in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to say to you, gentlemen, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, that I extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome in our city.

We appreciate the importance of this great gathering of the ministers of the gospel, and we do not underestimate the great bearing and ifluence it will have not only upon religious affairs, but upon all matters promoting the welfare of our people generally.

The state can have no better assistant in promoting the great general welfare of its people than these learned professors of religious faith, for it is their desire not only to point out the straightest and the surest road for a man's welfare and happiness, but, by their teachings, to make a good and steady citzenship, which will not only be an honor to the church it represents, but an everlasting credit to the state of which it boasts.

It is also a matter of congratulation to note the progress towards civilization made by the colored brethern of the south.

Since emancipation the colored race has striven manfully and earnestly—and, I say, most successfully—in elevating themselves in the eyes of the civilized world. They have persisted not only in educating themselves, but in seeing to it that their children were educated and made to thoroughly understand the great fundamental principle upon which our civil government is founded.

They, more than any other class of people, appreciate and hold sacred the magnificent gift of liberty and freedom of speech, and, by their earnest devotion to the great duties of American citizenship, they have won the approval of every fair-thinking and right-minded man in the United States.

The colored people, as a race, have taken every advantage of educational facilities afforded to them, both by the nation and the state. No better evidence of this fact can be given than in the large attendance of the colored children in the public schools of this city and state.

The Methodist Episcopal conference here assembled, it is true, will not discuss matters of civil government, but incidentally in discussing the welfare of the church itself, it must, in a measure, maintain the great principles which go to assert good citizenship and maintain good government. Its teachings will go far to still further elevate the character of the man and his progress in this life. It will show its congregations throughout the state that while teaching the surest and safest way of maintaining integrity, it will, at the same time, draw that nice distinction between right and wrong which will go further than anthing else in bringing citizenship to that high standard which is the aim and desire of every good citizen.

In the effort, gentlemen, I know you will be successiul, because your past points to nothing but to a series of uninterrupted successes.

In your deliberations I wish you the best of results, and I sincerely hope that your short session will, among other things, be long remembered as of a pleasant visit to our hospitable city, the gates of which are thrown open to you in good fellowship and kindly feelings.

As mayor of the city I wish you, gentlemen, one and all, a pleasant stay and a hearty welcome.

Dr. Hartzell Responds. At the request of the Conference, Dr. J. C. Hartzell delivered an address in response to the remarks of his Honor the Mayor.

Among other things, Dr. Hartzell said, We rejoice in your

presence, and thank you for the words of welcome which you have uttered, and for the invitation you have extended to the members of the Conference to make themselves at home in this hospitable city. We are especially pleased with the recognition which you have so cordially given to the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church among both the white and colored people of Louisiana. This Church is everywhere a bond of fraternity between the races who stand side by side under her banner, vieing with each other in adherence to the best interests of their native or adopted state.

It wil be interesting for you to know that in the city of New Orleans, whose Chief Magistrate you are, the Methodist Episcopal Church has a larger number of communicants than any other Protestant denomination. We have in all fully twenty-five churches. Of these, among the white people, are one English-speaking, three German, and one Italian, and the beginnings of other important mission centers. The remainder are among the colored people, several of them large and influential in membership. We publish here a Weekly Christian Advocate which circulates largely throughout the whole South. We have our Old Folks' Home with valuable property, and upon St. Charles avenue, the most beautiful in your city, and one of the most beautiful in the United States, we have our New Orleans University with its magnificent buildings and an attendance of nearly six hundred.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is a conservator of the peace, and stands for good government, and everywhere throughout the world, is loyal to the national flag which extends to her the benefits of protection and peace. I began my work in Louisiana in 1870 and during all these years no minister or congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been engaged in agitating or fomenting strife, or been party to any political or racial agitation. Ours was the first Church to extend, through its bishops, to George Washington congratulations on the foundation of the Infant Republic and to declare allegiance and loyalty to the new government. The distinguished bishop now presiding in this Conference, J. N. Fitz-

gerald, has just returned from a tour through many foreign lands and in all these the ministers and conferences have been loyal to the reigning power in the government where they are laboring in the kingdom of our God.

I know, Sir, that you are glad and rejoice with us ministers of peace and Christian unity in our work. This present service which you witness is sincere, and as you have in all sincerity and cordiality welcomed us to this city, we return to you the same sentiments of respect, believing that we shall be better and stronger because of your presence in our midst.

Vote of thanks to the Mayor. On motion of Pierre Landry, a unanimous, rising vote of thanks was tendered to his honor the Hon. John Fitzpatrick, Mayor of the city of New Orleans, for his able address and most cordial welcome.

Rev. Joseph Vital's Address. The Rev. Joseph Vital, recently transferred from Italy, and in charge of our Italian missions in this city, was introduced, and addressed the Conference touching his personal experience and the work committed to his care.

Epworth League Commitee Ordered. On motion of H. J. Wright a committee on Epworth League was ordered.

Examination of Characters. *The Thirteenth Question was taken up*, and S. E. H. Morant, presiding elder of the

Alexandria District, reported his work, and his character passed. The following elders on the same district also reported their work and their character passed, viz: Ephraim Harrison, Addison Moore, M. H. Hunter, Julius Augustus, Travis Larkins, H. C. Wilson, A. H. Banks, Nelson Burton, E. B. Richards, Geo. W. Wells, A. J. Johnson, J. W. Turner, J. A. Vincent, Stephen Tillman, A. J. Proctor, Joseph Johnson, H. C. Gair, Z. T. Gayden;

Baton Rouge District. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge district reported his work and his character passed.

A Statistical Session was ordered to take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and Dr. J. C. Hartzell was appointed by the bishop to preside.

Committee on Missions. The presiding elders were constituted the Committee on Missions.

Announcements and Adjournment. Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

FIRST DAY

STATISTICAL SESSION.

Dr. Hartzell Presiding. The Conference opened in Statistical Session Jan. 15th at 3 o'clock p. m. with the Rev. J. C. Hartzell in the chair, by appointment of the bishop.

The Religious Exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hudson, the Rev. A. H. Banks leading in prayer.

Roll Call. The roll was called and sixty-five charges reported in the session.

Adjournment. The call having been concluded, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Thursday, January 16, 1896.

The Second day's session opened at 8:30 o'clock, a. m., with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair.

The Religious Exercises were conducted by the Rev. E. H. Clark.

Minutes Approved. The minutes of the first day's sessions were read and approved.

Greetings from Gammon. A letter of greetings from the members of this Conference, attending the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., signed by the Revs. B. M. Hubbard, I. C. Clemons, C. W. Reeves, W. S. Chinn and C. D. C. Bryon, was read, and ordered filed.

Examination of Characters. *The Thirteenth Question was resumed*, and the following elders of the

Baton Rouge District reported their work, and their characters passed, viz: J. D. Pool, Hubbard Daniels, J. A. Tircuit, Geo. A. Payne, B. J. Reddix, P. W. Clark, D. M. Seals, I. R. Scott, Joseph Jones, J. H. Rylander, Allen Luster, J. W. Hilton, M. P. Franklin, Charles Barnes, C. C. Wright, Sanders Carroll, Wm. Emmett, H. A. Sorrell, A. G. Davis, Julius Benn.

The Statistical Secretary Reported the charges that had not handed in their reports, and they were ordered to report before the close of to-day's session.

A Statistical Session was ordered to take place to-day at 3 o'clock p. m.

Examination of Character. *The Thirteenth Question was resumed.*

Monroe District. F. T. Chinn, presiding elder of the Monroe district reported his work, and his character passed, as did also the following elders, viz: Emerson Hutcherson, N. R. Randolph, F. Lashington, Geo. J. Rogers and Abram Venable.

Natchitoches District. H. J. Wright, presiding elder of the Natchitoches district reported his work, and his character passed, as did also the following elders from the same district, viz: M. J. Fairfax, E. C. Goins, J. J. Obee, M. J. Dyer, Wm. Harrison, James Robertson.

Central New Orleans District. L. G. Adkinson, presiding elder of the Central New Orleans district reported his work and his character passed, as did also the following: E. W. Osburn, C. A. King, C. K. Woodson, R. L. Crawford, (absent) and P. J. Robidoux, (absent).

North New Orleans District. A. E. P. Albert, presiding elder of the North New Orleans district reported his work, and his character passed, as did also the following elders, viz: Braxton Bolden, Eugene Baptiste, Frank Harvey, H. T. O. Abbott, Samuel Bell, Edward Fields, E. P. Harris, H. C. Armston, Wm. Davis, Samuel Davage Abram Hilton, T. G. Montgomery, D. G. Butler, D. J. Price, Frank Walker, T. J. Johnson, E. W. Clark, J. M. Bryan, J. C. Hartzell.

Shreveport District. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the Shreveport district resported his work and his character passed, as did the following elders, viz: E. C. Goins, Alfred Gray, Geo. Johnson, P. C. Colton, J. W. Hudson, Hampton James, S. R. Hason, C. W. Reeves, B. M. Hubbard, C. D. C. Bryan. The latter three were absent.

Dr. Hamilton's Address. The Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Hartzell's Supplementary Remarks. At the conclusion of Dr. Hamilton's address, Dr. Hartzell, senior cor. secretary

of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, emphasised some of the remarks made by Dr. Hamilton, and urged everybody to attend the services to-night when Dr. Hamilton, his colleague, and the Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., cor. secretary of the Board of Church Extension would address the Conference and congregation.

Mr. C. C. Morse, Bus. Manager of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, was introduced, and in a brief address urged the pastors and people to fulfil their obligations to that paper.

American Bible Society. The Rev. J. W. McLaurin, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Mississippi and Louisiana was introdnced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of the Bible cause.

Bibles at Half Price. The Conference ordered the insertion of the following information from Dr. McLaurin's address, viz: Cheap bibles will be furnished any of our Sunday-schools at half their cost of manufacture, by addressing the Rev. J. W. McLaurin, 725 Camp street, New Orleans, La. N.B.—This applies to the 20 cts., 30 cts., 35 cts., and 40 cts. bibles. These will be sold at half the price mentioned.

Complimentary to Dr. Hamilton. The following resolution complimentary to Dr. Hamilton was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we welcome in our midst the Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and that we have listened with interest and profit to his instructive address, and that we will give him our cordial support in the great work he so ably represents." Signed by J. F. Marshall, H. J. Wright and others.

Introductions. The Revs. F. James and Dr. G. E. Taylor, of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced.

Biographical Sketch of Rev. H. O. Williams. H. O. Williams, an invalid superannuated preacher of this Conference, fearing lest he might not be able to visit another another annual session of the conference, was permitted to read a comprehen-

sive sketch of his life and services, which was ordered filed with the secretary.

A Baptismal Service. The session was concluded with a Baptismal Service, in which Aristides E. P. Albert, Jr., the son of the Rev. Dr. Albert, was baptized by the Rev. F. T. Chinn, assisted by Bishop FitzGerald.

Announcements and Adjournment. Announcements were made, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Conference met in Statistical Session to-day (Thursday) Jan. 16, at 3 p. m.

Dr. Hartzell Presiding. The Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., presided by request of the Bishop.

The Religious Exercises were conducted by the Rev. F. Harvey.

The Roll Call, for statistics was ordered; and those thus far failing to file their reports reported.

Adjournment and Benediction. The work of the session being completed the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. R. Butler.

THIRD DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Friday, January 17, 1896.

The third day's session of the Conference opened at the Mt. Zion M. E. Church at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. H. C. Wilson.

Minutes Read and Approved. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Examination of Characters. *South New Orleans District. The thirteenth Question was resumed* and Pierre Landry, presiding elder of the South New Orleans district, reported his work and his character passed, as did also the following elders, viz: W. S. Harris, C. D. Shallowhorne, W. J. M. Price, Charles Crockett, Simon Mitchell, Stephen Priestly, Charles Monroe, Thomas McCary, Henry Taylor, F. D. Bowers, R. C. Barrow, Valcour Chapman, J. H. Pierre, W. R. Butler, A. J. Proctor, and W. D. Godman.

The Committee on Epworth League which was ordered yesterday, and nominated by the presiding elders was elected as follows, viz: Wm. Porter, T. J. Johnson, H. C. Gair, Stephen Priestly, Emerson Hutcherson, J. J. Obee, J. O. Brown, Henry Taylor, E. W. Osburn, and Hampton James.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were called upon to report the charges that had not reported to them; and all had done so.

Admitted in full Membership. *The seventh Question was taken up*, and Cornelius Johnson and Henry A. McClelland, after being addressed by the bishop, were admitted into full membership.

Continued on Trial. *The fifth Question* was taken up and the following were continued on trial:

a. In studies of the first year: Horace King, Daniel G. Taylor.

b. In studies of second year: Timothy P. Norris, J. A. Richards, J. A. Brown, S. A. Mason, A. A. Lacey, Wm. L. Amos.

c. In studies of third year: Isaac C. Clemons, Walter S. Chinn.

Discontinued. *The sixth Question* was taken up and James Lopez was discontinued.

Election of Delegates to General Conference. *Order of the day.* The hour having arrived, the bishop took up the order of the day, the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Number of delegates to be Elected. The bishop gave notice that the Conference was entitled to three ministerial delegates.

Tellers. The bishop appointed the following tellers, viz: L. G. Adkinson, T. J. Johnson, Valcour Chapman, J. A. Tircuit, Hampton James.

Election of Drs. J. C. Hartzell and A. E. P. Albert. On motion of L. G. Adkinson, J. C. Hartzell was elected by acclamation; and on motion of D. J. Price, the assistant secretary was directed to cast the vote of the Conference for A. E. P. Albert.

The other Delegates To be Elected by Ballot. On motion of J. D. Pool it was ordered that the third delegate should be elected by ballot.

Majority To Elect. It was ordered that the one receiving a majority of all the votes cast should be declared elected.

The Count. On motion of Thomas McCary it was ordered that the ballots be counted in open conference.

Whole number of votes cast 123
Necessary for a choice 62

Results:

J. F. Marshall received ..... 63 votes.
Pierre Landry ..... 31 "
Stephen Duncan ..... 29 "

J. F. Marshall Elected a Delegate. J. F. Marshall having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected.

Reserve Delegates. On motion Pierre Landry and Stephen Duncan were elected as reserve delegates, by acclamation.

Dr. Spencer's Address. The Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of the cause he represents.

Supernumerary Preachers. *The twenty-second Question* was taken up, and Anatolle Panolle was continued in supernumerary relation.

Superannuated Preachers. *The twenty-third Question* was taken up, and Alex. Martin and John Fopp were given superannuated relations; and George Washington, Frederick Reeves, John Sparks, Samuel Armstead, Horace Wallace, Austin Jones, Hanover A. Williams, and Emperor Williams were continued in the same relation.

In Studies of Third Year. *The eighth Question* was taken up and H. O. Williams, J. W. Lewis, Alex. Conerly, J. F. Fisher, Bedford Carr, Edward Powell, Wm. Ector, C. M. Augrum, and Pompey Bibbs were continued in the studies of the third year.

In Studies of Fourth Year. *The fourth Question* was taken up and the following were advanced to the studies of the fourth year, viz: Wm. Porter, David Harrison, Daniel G. Pharris, Cornelius Johnson ('96), and H. A. McClellan.

The time was extended.

Dr. Cranston's Address. The Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D., of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of our publishing interests.

Announcements and Adjournment. Announcements were made, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. C. K. Woodson, President of Baldwin, La. Academy.

FOURTH DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Saturday, January 18, 1896.

The fourth day-session convened at 8:30 a. m., at the Mt. Zion M. E. church with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Williams.

Minutes Read and Approved. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Fraternal Greetings. On motion of J. H. Pierre, seconded by H. J. Wright, the secretary was directed to telegraph the fraternal greetings of this conference to the Mississippi Conference, viz:

"New Orleans, La., Jan. 18, 1896.

To the Mississippi Conference, Canton, Miss.—The Louisiana Annual Conference, brought forth from a common ancestry with yourselves, in this city, a generation ago, sends fraternal greetings. Read numbers ch. 6, verses 24-26 Ephesians ch. 6, verses 10-24.—A. E. P. Albert, Secretary."

Elected Deacons. *The Eleventh Question* was taken up, and the following duly recommended, and having passed their examin-

ation were elected to Deacon's orders, (*a*) *as local preachers*, viz: John W. Smith, Joseph H. Thompson, Cornelius Johnson. Sam'l Green, Hernando Daniels, Cyrus E. Bradford, Cornelius Spears, Paul Narcisse, Emperor H. Scott, Daniel W. Boatner, John P. Bayless, (*b*) *under missionary rule*, Joseph Vital.

Constitutional Questions. The hour having arrived, the Bishop called up the order of the day, the consideration of constitutional questions.

Ratio of Representation. The Bishop submitted the amendment, first proposing a change in the Ratio of Representation in the General Conference. After a few explanatory remarks from J. C. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert and others, the vote was taken, and the result announced as follows, viz:

For the Amendment..... 4
Against the Amendment..... 92

The Baltimore Proposition. Proposing an amendment to the Second Restrictive Rule so as to make women eligible to the General Conference, was next considered. After a spirited debate of the question, in which Drs. Hartzell, Albert, Bros. Marshall, Mitchell, Duncan, Wells, Priestly and others took part, the vote was taken with the following result, viz:

For the Amendment.....116
Against the Amendment..... 3

The Hamilton Amendment was then submitted, considered, and voted upon, with the following result:

For the Amendment..... 0
Against the Amendment..... 6

INTRODUCTIONS. The Rev. Drs. Beard and Ellis, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Rev. J. L. Burrell, of the Baptist Church were introduced.

Reception of the Lay Conference. The order of the day having arrived, the Bishop, invited the Lay Electoral Conference to special seats provided for their reception, and the following impromptu program was carried out, viz:

J. L. JONES, ESQ., ADDRESSES THE CONFERENCE. Jason L. Jones, Esq., president of the Lay Electoral Conference, was introduced, and he addressed the Conference. He concluded his address by presenting the Lay Delegates elected to the General Conference and submitting the Proceedings of the body to the Conference. (See Proceedings Lay Electoral Conference.)

Lay Delegates and Reserves Elected. The delegates elected to the General Conference were reported to be, Charles C. Morse, of New Orleans, and Geo. F. Huntley, of Shreveport; Reserves, Joseph A. Reddix, of Belle Hellene, and Rene C. Metoyer, of New Orleans.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS. On Motion of A. E. P. Albert, Bishop FitzGerald, was asked to respond in behalf of the Conference.

The Delegates-Elect Address the Conference. On motion the delegates elect were invited to address the Conference, and they were called up as follows: J. C. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert, J. E. Marshall, C. C. Morse, and G. F. Huntley.

Dr. Ellis' Address. The Rev. Dr. Ellis, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to address the Conference, when he paid a high compliment to the ministers of this Conference with whom he came in contact. He paid a high compliment to work done by Rev. A. H. Banks at New Iberia.

TIME EXTENDED. The time was extended.

Reports on Secretary's Table. The following committees being ready to report placed their reports upon the Secretary's table, and they were adopted, as follows: Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Sunday-school and Tracts, Temperance and Prohibition, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, Auditing Presiding Elders Accounts, Conference Relations, Book Accounts, Bible Cause, Church Extension, Old Minutes Account, Old Folks' Home, Orphans' Home, Gospel in All Lands, Periodicals, and Resolutions. (See Reports and Resolutions.)

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Conference resolved itself into the Preacher's Aid Society with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair.

Annual Dues. The roll was called for the collection of annual dues, and the following, each, paid one dollar ($1.00); viz:

Abbott, H. T. O.
Adkinson, L. G.
Albert, A. E. P.
Augustus, Julius
Banks, A. H.
Baptiste, Eugene
Bryan, J. M.
Burton, Nelson
Butler, D. G.
Butler, W. R.
Carr, Bedford
Chapman, Valcour
Clark, E. H.
Clark, P. W.
Conerly, Alex.
Daniels, Hubbard
Davage, Samuel
Fields, Edward
Franklin, M. P.
Gayden, Z. T.
Harris, W. S.
Hartzell, J. C.
Hason, S. R.
Harvey, Frank
Hudson, J. W.
Hunter, M. H.
Hutcherson, Emerson
James, Hampton
Johnson, George
Johnson, T. J.
Landry, Pierre
Larkins, Travis
Lashington, F. M.
Luster, Allen
Marshall, J. F.
Martin, Alex.
Monroe, Charles
Montgomery, T. G.
Rogers, G. J.
Shallowhorne, C. D.
Taylor, Henry
Turner, J. W.
Vincent, J. A.
Smith, E. H.
Price, D. J.
Williams, H. O.
Wright, H. J.
McClellan, H. A.
Amos, W. L.
Mason, S. A.
Scott, E. H.
Smith, J. C.

The following each paid 50 cts., viz:

F. D. Bowers
Simon Mitchell
Samuel Armstead.

Additional Payments. Upon a subsequent call during the session the following preachers paid their annual dues, as follows, viz:

Gray, Alfred	Pharris, D. G.	Richards, E. B.
Johnson, Joseph	Pickett, A. J.	Benn, Julius
Johnson, Cornelius	Pierre, J. H.	Bolden, Braxton
Morant, S. E. H.	Pool, J. D.	Colton, P. C.
McCary, Thos.	Porter, Wm.	Dyer, M. J.
McGlocklin, Alfred	Priestly, Stephen	Gair, H. C.
Obee, J. J.	Randolph, Neptune	Sorrell, H. A.
Osburn, E. W.	Reddix, B. J.	Smith, A. H.
	Walker, Frank.	

Total amount collected, $78.50. *

Report of the Board of Control. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Aid Society was presented by A. E. P. Albert, the secretary, as follows:

The Board met Friday, January 17, 1896, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, in the City of New Orleans. Present: J. C. Hartzell, president in the chair, and A. E. P. Albert, secretary; others present: Pierre Landry, J. F. Marshall, S. E. H. Morant, Stephen Priestly, Stephen Duncan; F. T. Chinn, and Ed. Field. They examined, and herein present the report of Wm. Matthews, treasurer, transmitted through A. E. P. Albert.

Treasurer's Report. (No report furnished the printer.)

Officers and Managers. The election of the following officers and managers is recommended, viz: J. C. Hartzell, president, J. F. Marshall, vice-president, A. E. P. Albert, secretary, Wm. Matthews, treasurer, Pierre Landry, Ed. Fields, Stephen Priestly, F. T. Chinn, Stephen Duncan, S. E. H. Morant, and T. J. Johnson.

Committee on Necessitous Cases. We recommend the appointment of the following committee, with full power in the premises, to pass upon appropriate amounts necessary to meet emergencies and necessitous cases, viz: A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry, Stephen Duncan, Stephen Priestly, and J. F. Marshall.

* There was evidently some mistake as only $74.50 were paid to the treasurer.

Appropriatons to pay bills are recommended as follows: On old minutes account $10.00; on this year's minutes $15.00.

Committee on the Murrell Property. We recommend that the following committee be appointed to take charge of the interests of the Society in the Murrell property; to see to its rent, repairs, insurance, etc., viz: A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry and Stephen Priestly.

Beneficiaries. We recommend that the constitution be strictly adhered to, and the funds of the Society be sacredly administered only for the benefit of members paying full annual dues, either at conference or within fifteen days after its adjournment, to the secretary.

Reports Approved. The report of the Board of Managers, with its recommendations, was unanimously adopted.

CONFERENCE RESUMED.

The Preachers' Aid Society adjourned, and the Conference resumed its work.

Transfers. The bishop announced the transfer of Ira N. Pardee, a supernumerary, from the Iowa to the Louisiana Conference; whose relation was at once made effective, and he was placed in the Gulf Mission. He also announced the transfer Joseph Vital, a probationer of the Italian Conferenc.

Ministerial Aid Association. On motion the Rev C. D. Shallowhorne, addressed the Conference in support of the Ministerial Aid Assoclation. He earnestly plead with the members of the Conference to join the Association. Three Dollars pays for admission in the same. Any information in the premises can be obtained by addressing the Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., secretary, Boston, Mass.

Introductions. The following visitors were introduced, viz: Dr. J. C. Clark, of the A. M. E. Church, Prof. R. C. Barrow, of Algiers, and Prof. Brown, and Misses Cora Armstrong and Rose T. Robertson, of New Orleans University.

Announcements and Adjournment. Announcements, for the Sabbath services were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Monday, January 20, 1896.

Conference opened, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, for the fifth day's session, to-day at 8:30 a. m. with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Pierre.

Minutes Read and Approved. The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Received on Trial. *Question Four* was taken up, and the following were received on trial, in studies of the first year, viz: J. P. Bayless, Joseph Thompson, A. L. Jackson, Sam'l Green, Hernando Daniels, Thos. Williams, D. W. Boatner, C. E. Bradford, R. C. Worsham, J. C. Orcutt.

Dr. Schell's Address. The Rev. Dr. Schell, corresponding secretary of the Epworth League, addressed the Conference in behalf of the League.

Seat of Next Conference. *The thirtieth Question* was taken up, and Donaldsonville was selected for the seat of the next Conference.

Greetings to Rev. Emperor Williams. On motion of C. D. Shallowhorne, a committee was ordered to present the greetings of the Conference, and to express sympathy with the Rev. Emperor Williams in the infirmity that denies him the privilege of attending our present session. The Bishop appointed the following committee: C. D. Shallowhorne, J. C. Hartzell, P. Landry, S. Duncan.

May be Employed as Supplies. The Presiding Elders were permitted to withdraw the recommendations, for admissions on trial, of those that failed in the examinations, and they were authorized to use them as supplies, wherever needed.

Orphan's Home Report. Pending the adoption of the report of the committee on Orphan's Home; on motion of J. C. Hartzell, the committee appointed at this session was constituted a joint committee with that from last session; and the report was accepted, as emanating from the joint committees. (See Reports.)

Letter From Dr. Godman. A letter from Dr. Godman, containing certificates from two eminent physicians, certifying to the impaired condition of his health, were read, and ordered filed by the Secretary.

Sympathy with Dr. Godman. A committee, consisting of J. C. Hartzell, Pierre Landry, Stephen Duncan, C. D. Shallowhorne, J. A. Tircuit, were appointed to return thanks to the Rev. Dr. W. D. Godman, for his interest in, and benefactions to Gilbert Academy and the Orphan's Home, and to convey to him the sympathy and love of the Conference, in his present affliction together wtth the prayers of the conference for his ultimate recovery.

Statistical and Treasurer's Reports. The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer reported, and their reports were adopted. (See Reports.)

Dr. Hammond's Address. Pending the adoption of the report of the committee on Periodicals Dr. Hammond made an earnest appeal in behalf of the S. W. Christian Advocate.

Certificates of Ordination. Bishop FitzGerald filed the following certificates of ordination with the secretary.

DEACONS.

This is to certify that the following brethern were by me ordained Deacons at New Orleans, La., on the 19th day of January, 1896, viz: John W. Smith, Joseph H. Thomson, Conelius Johnson, John Wilson, Samuel Green, Hernando Daniels, Cyrus E. Bradford, Cornelius Spears, Paul Narcisse, Emperor H. Scott, Daniel W. Boatner, John P. Bayless. *Under Missionary Rule*, Joseph Vital. J. N. FITZGERALD,

Bishop Presiding at Louisiana Conference

Dated Jan. 20, 1896. of the Methodis Episcopal Church.

Items to be Added to Freedmen's Aid Report. The Secretary was authorized to add to the report of the committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education the reports from the Gilbert, Alexandria, Shreveport and Hartzell Academies.

Time Extended. The time was extedded to permit Drs. Adkinson and Albert, and Prof. Johnson to represent the educational interests committed to their care.

Dr. Adkinson's Address. The Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., President of New Orleans University, addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution, which he showed was enjoying unprecedented prosperity.

Dr. Albert's Address. The Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., temporarily in charge of Gilbert Academy and Industrial College, as vice-president, in consequence of the declination of Prof. A. P. Camphor, who was at first elected, reported the institution in excellent condition with brightening prospects. His heart was being drawn into that work, which he so reluctantly accepted, that he scarcely knew whether he felt any less called to it than to his present presiding eldership. He declared his purpose to abide the judgment of the church as to whether, after

the close of the Conference, he should remain on the District or in that work.

Prof. Johnson's Address. The Rev. Cornelius Johnson, A. M., principal of the Alexandria Academy, reported his work in a very prosperous condition. The crying want was for adequate buildings in which to prosecute the work, which gives such promises of constant expansion.

Greetings from Mississippi Conference. The following telegram from the Mississippi Conference was read, amid the applause of the Conference, viz:

Canton, Miss., Jan. 20, 1896.

To the Louisiana Conference, New Orleans, La.: We accept your fraternal greetings with godly joy. Read Ephesians sixth chapter, verses 10 to 20, inclusive.

J. C. HOUSTON, Secretary.

Invitation to First St. Church. Pierre Landry, arising to a question of privilege, presented an invitation, from the quarterly conference of First street M. E. Church, for the Conference to hold its closing session in that church. After some discussion the invitation was accepted.

A Night's Session at First St. Church. On motion it was provided that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at First St. M. E. church, at 7:30 p. m.

Announcement and Adjournment. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D.

FIFTH DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Monday, January 20, 1896.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at First street M. E. church, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Hartzell Presiding. The Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., presided, by appointment of the bishop.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. E W. S. Hammond, D. D., editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Minutes Read and Approved. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Epworth League Report was presented by the committee and the same was adopted, with the following amendments, viz: That the League of the State hold a State convention, in the city of Alexandria, during the first week in June, 1896. (See Reports.)

Conference Stewards' Report. The Conference stewards reported the list of claimants that they had made out, and the amounts that they recommended should be given each claimant, and the same was adopted.

The sum distributed amounted to $1440. (See Reports.)

Division of the Conference. The committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to report upon the subject of the Division of the Louisiana Conference submitted their report, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

Tribute to the Memory of Bishop Haygood. On motion of C. D. Shallowhorne, a committee was ordered to formulate resolutions of appreciation of the life and services of the late

bishop Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., and that a telegram of sympathy be sent to the family to be read at the funeral.

Memorial Services. The committee on memoirs presented their report. Pending its adoption memorial services were conducted as follows, viz: Rev. Dr. J. C. Hartzell announced hymn 991, after which Rev. Charles Monroe led in prayer. Dr. Hartzell then delivered an address upon the life and services of the Revs. Wm. P. Forest and Alex. J. Ford, followed by Revs. Samuel Armstead, Stephen Priestly, J. W. Hudson, and Thomas McCary. The vast congregation present united in singing the hymn,

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,"

which was announced by the Rev. Dr. Hammond, after which the Report of the committee on memoirs was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

Duplicate Credentials for R. C. Coleman. The secretary was instructed to write to the board of bishops to furnish Bro. Coleman with duplicate credentials, as the originals have been lost.

Rev. Vital's Address. The Rev. Joseph Vital, Italian missionary of our church in the city, being invited to address the Conference, gave an account of his conversion from Romanism to Methodism.

BISHOP FITZGERALD. The bishop and presiding elders having arrived the bishop took the chair.

Supernumeraries. *The twenty-second Question* was taken up, and the relation of Alex. Conerly and Charles Barnes was changed from effective to supernumery.

Managers of the Lafon Old Folks' Home were, upon the nomination of the presiding elders, elected as follows, viz: Pierre Landry, J. W. Hilton, A. E. P. Albert, J. W. Hudson, Stephen Duncan, F. T. Chinn, H. J. Wright and J. F. Marshall.

Admitted on Trial. *The fourth Question* was taken up, and Jefferson H. Craig was received on trial.

Apportionments. The presiding elders were instructed to apportion the several benevolent collections, and the amount necessary to pay off the old minutes accounts, and the amount necessary to publish next year's minutes to the several districts and charges.

Publishers of the Minutes. The presiding elders, and the pastors of Union, Wesley, Simpson and First street church, New Orleans, were constituted publishers of the minutes, with with power, and they were directed to formulate and carry out such plans as will insure the speedy publication of our minutes.

The Secretary to Edit the Minutes. The secretary was authorized to edit and condense the minutes.

Official Minutes. On motion of A. E. P. Albert, the printed minutes of the past four years bound in a quadrenmial volume be and the same is hereby declared to be the official minutes of the Louisiana Conference.

Conference Claimants to be Paid in Full. It was ordered that instead of paying them by quarterly payments, that those receiving monies for claimants, be instructed to pay them their whole allowance at once.

Complimentary Resolutions. Resolutions complimentary to the Mayor and citizens of New Orleans, and to the pastors and members of all our churches and sister churches, and especially to the pastor and members of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, for their warm and cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment were adopted by rising votes. The thanks of the Conference were also extended to the daily press, especially to the Daily Picayune, for their full and accurate publication of our proceedings; to the railroads for reduced rates; to Bishop FitzGerald, for the great patience and impartiality with which he presided our deliberations; and to the Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasur-

er and their assistants, for their faithful and efficient services. (See Resolutions.)

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read by the secretary, and adopted by the Conference.

Report of Publishers. The report of the publishers of the minutes was adopted. (See Reports.)

Appointments of Committees of Examination. Triers of Appeals, etc., are to be found in the list of Conference officers.

Adjournment and Closing Exercises. On motion of A. E. P. Albert, it was ordered that after the adoption of the minutes, which were read and approved, the closing religious exercises, and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,
President.

ARISTIDES E. P. ALBERT,
Secretary.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

AT MT. ZION M. E. CHURCH.

Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 p. m., sermon by Revs. A. H. Banks and Alfred Gray.

Thursday, January 16, 7:30 p. m., Freedmen's Aid Anniversary, addresses by Revs. Drs. J. W. Hamilton, J. C. Hartzell, Dr. Schell.

Friday, January 7, Church Extension Anniversary, address by Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D.

Saturday, January 17, 7:30 p. m. Missionary Service, by Revs. Hampton James and Henry Taylor.

Sunday, January 19, 9 a. m. Conference Love-feast, conducted by Revs. Samuel Davage and M. P. Franklin.

10. a. m. Sermon by bishop J. N. FitzGerald, followed by ordination of deacons.

OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES.

January 16, at 7:30 p. m., at Freret street M. E. Church. On Education in the South, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D. Missionary Address, Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D. D.

January 19, at Wesley Chapel. Epworth League anniversary. Address by Rev. Dr. Schell, general cor. secretary.

The pulpits of nearly all the city churches, among the colored people, were filled by ministers of the Conference every night during the session and on Conference sabbath.

The pulpits of our German churches and St. Charles avenue were also supplied by our white brethren from the Conference on Conference Sabbath.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and Board of Education.

I.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society has suffered much from the fiancial stringency of the times but we are glad to learn that the schools under its direction throughout the South during the past year have been kept open and all the officers of the Society and teachers in schools of all grades have gladly submitted to large reductions in their salaries in order to have the good work go on.

During the year of 1894-5 the Society has maintained and superintended forty five institutions of learning, twenty-three among the colored and twenty-two among the white people. 4845 colored and 3278 white students were enrolled, making a total of 8123. 459 teachers have been employed. Of our students 218 have been in the college classes, 1013 in the college preparatory, 688 in the normal and the remainder in the special and English courses. 219 were preparing for the ministry. Conversions reported during the year, 161. In Medical courses 295. A large nnmber of students are in industrial classes.

The total receipts for the society for the year ending June 30, 1896, were $284,740,26. Unfortunately there is a decrease in Conference collections. This is greatly to be regretted.

The Conference collection amounted to less than one half the entire receipts of the Society. The cash receipts from tuition, room rent and incidentals alone was $57,275,25.

No better work is being done anywhere than by this Society in its Schools in the Southern States. Hundreds of ministers, thousands of teachers, have been sent out to lead their people. Over two hundred and fifty colored physicians have been educated. The work, up to this date, has been little more than foundation laying. Many of our buildings need repairing, and in several places new buildings are absolutely essential.

The schools are well organized as to faculties and courses of study. The South is undergoing a marvelous revolution in sentiment. Our schools are commanding greater respect and support every year among southern white people, who have not heretofore appreciated the the work. No other church or organization can do our work. The Methodist Episcopal Church has thirty-five annual conferences and five hundred and forty-seven thousand communicants on what was slave territory. All the educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that vast section rests upon this Society with the exception of the border states. A work so vast and meaning so much to the civilization of America and to the leadership of a lately enslaved race now numbering eight million and rapidly increasing among us should stir the church to larger benevolence and faith in this most important work.

The approportionment for this Conference is twelve hundred and fifty dollars and we hereby instruct the Presiding Elders to apportion this to the districts and charges and pledge ourselves to hearty co-operation in raising the full amount in each charge.

II.

The Board of Education in the Methodist Episcopal Church has for its special work the aiding of young men and women in securing christian education and preparing them for future usefulness. As pastors we pledge ourselves to observe Children's Day and carry out the provisions of the discipline and see to it

that the money raised for the Board of Edncation be promptly forwarded to Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., Methodist Book Concern, New York City.

III.

NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.

The head of our educational work in the state is New Orleans University. While we rejoice in the establishment of Academies and High Schools we must not forget to sustain with increasing ardor this center of our higher education. The prayers of its founders aud supporter are being answered and the blessing of heaven crowns it with success. Under the management of its Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors; its devoted and able president with his associates in the Faculty; the greatest efficiency is secured in all departments.

In the College of Liberal Arts the numbers are steadily increasing while the standard for graduation is yearly being advanced. Last commencement, but one, Frank B. Smith, completed the course, but he is already in charge of Hartzell Academy and is helping to carry forward the great work of education.

In the Normal Department the success was never greater, as to the character of the work done, and this year's class will be the largest in the history of the institution. Last commencement the following students received diplomas from the Normal Department, viz:—Laura F. Albert, A. W. Brazier, Perum A. Cook, Lucy E. Fisher, Florence L. Meyers, Ruth E. Weathers, Thomas White.

The following completed the College Preparatory and received certificates, viz:—Edgar L. Hamilton, Oscar A. Holt, Joseph B. Randolph, Elvira B. Spears, Carrie B. Turpeau.

Medical College.

The course of study has been lengthened to four years and the length of the session extended from five to six months. While the number of students may not be so large we gratified to know that those who receive degrees will be recognized as among the best qualified in the state. We cannot too strongly express our appreciation of the great services rendered the Medical College by Bishop Mallalieu, its founder and unfailing friend. Our great duty is to seek out promising and qualified young men and women and crowd its halls to their utmost capacity.

Industrial Departments.

Printing.

The printing departnent contains a large class of young people who are making diligent use of their opportunities. "The Crescent", printed by the students, is commended to your liberal patronage.

Sewing.

This department which was closed last session is now in successful operation. Miss I. M. Gipson, of the W. H. M. Society who is in charge, is thoroughly qualified for and admirably adapted to the work of instruction. More than fifty girls receive instruction daily in dress cutting and fitting and all kinds of sewing.

Carpentry.

The department of wood work is again open under the direction of Phillip J. Brown, a graduate of the carpentry department of Gilbert Academy. The work is starting well and it is hoped our young men will receive helpful training in lines that will be profitable to them.

Music Department.

Prof. Harry Weber, a graduate of the Department has been elected principal and is meeting with marked success. The number receiving instruction has necessitated the employment of an assistant and Miss Nellie Landry has been elected to this

position.

All the work prospers and the prospects of the University were never brighter.

IV.

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This institution located at Atlanta, Ga., continues to prosper and we are glad to note that there are five young men there from New Orleans University. We rejoice in the continued prosperity of this school and pray for the time when there may be an attendance of hundreds of young men preparing for the Christian ministry.

V.

GILBERT ACADEMY AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

Located at Baldwin, La., 104 miles west of New Orleans, on the the Southern Pacific R. R. and the historic Bayou Teche, is one of our best preparatory schools, is an excellent feeder to our New Orleans University, and is fulfilling its mission in a highly satisfactory way. The continued infirm health of our beloved brother and long time successful laborer in this field, the Rev. W. D. Godman, D. D., has been a serious embarassment to the Academy. To have the work successfully carried on in his absence, the office of vice-president was created four years ago. Last year Rev. A. P. Camphor, A.M., B.D., a graduate of N. O. University and Gammon Theological Seminary, was elected thereto for the year 1895–96. Under this arrangement every heart looked forward to a year of great prosperity; but just before the time of opening, Prof. Camphor resigned to accept an important

pastorate, for which he had expressed a preference, at Germantown, Pa. To hurriedly fill the gap, in time for the opening Oct. 1, the Rev. A. E. P. Albert, A. M., D. D., yielded to the earnest request of the board of trustees and the managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, to take charge of the Academy, in addition to his district work as a presiding elder, until the present session of this annual conference. Dr. Albert's temporary administration has been so successful and given such satisfaction that all the patrons and all exercising authority over the school anxiously hope that he will consent and give himself wholly to that work. A superior class of students and a much larger attendance has been enrolled thus far than were enrolled the whole of last, session; and the school gives the best assurance of success under his management, should he consent to stay there.

All departments are in excellent condition, and we earnestly urge our people to send their boys and girls to Gilbert Academy. The present faculty, with the exception of Dr. Godman, who is not actually engaged in the work, made up entirely of colored ladies and gentlemen educated in our schools, and thoroughly consecrated to the work in which they are engaged, is as follows:

Rev. W. D. Godman, A. M., D. D.,	President.	
" A. E. P. Albert, A. M., D. D.,	Vice-president.	
Mrs. Alice R. Albert,	Matron and Instructor in Sewing.	
Miss V. M. J. Duncan,	Instructor English Branches.	
" Hattie E. Brown,	"	Primary Department.
" Laura F. Albert, ass.	"	" " and Music Teacher.
" Lilly M. Vinet,	"	Latin and Classics.
Mr. W. E. Randall,	"	Woodwork.
" Newman Marshall,	"	Agriculture.
" C. C. Landry,	"	Baking.
Mrs. F. D. Bowers,	"	Laundry.

VI.

ALEXANDRIA ACADEMY.

This school labors under the disadvantage of a great lack of suitable accommodations in the way of buildings. The church which is the only place available is greatly in need of repairs to render the students comfortable in cold or rainy weather, yet Prof. C. Johnson and his estimable wife have labored faithfully and successfully and the attendance increases. The enrollment at this date is 139 and will reach 160 by the close of the session.

The Academy is under the control of the Board of Trustees of New Orleans University and the course of study is the same as pursued in the University in the lower grades. We are expecting some of the graduates to attend the University next session and feel sure they will be able to compare favorably with students from the other schools who may enter the same classes. If buildings could be secured this Academy would at once come to the front as one of the best and most prosperous Academies in the State.

VII.

SCHOOLS AT SHREVEPORT AND DONALDSONVILLE.

We are glad to note the commendable zeal of our people at Shreveport and Donalsonville, in conducting schools of academic grade and we trust that the people will still rally to the support of these schools; it being understood that they teach only lower branches as given in the corresponding years of the New Orleans Univerity, and that their influence be used to send students of higher grades to that institution. We are pleased to commend the devotion of Miss Thomas, at Shreveport and Prof. Smith, at Donaldsonville, to their work as teachers in these schools.

VIII.

The unification of our school work, is a source of great satisfaction to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Louisiana Conference. The New Orleans University is the centre of this educational system. In this school alone will their be college studies pursued. All the other schools being feeders to this central school. President Adkinson and the Board of Trustees of the University and the administration of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society are in thorough accord. In all the schools of the state there were enrolled last year 925 students, and as the years go by this system of schools will become more and more prosperous in numbers and educational success. Praising God for what has already been accomplished we pledge ourselves in the most hearty co-operation with our great Southern Educational Society as well as with the faculties of these schools to secure increasing success year by year.

J. C. Hartzell, Chairman,

A. E. P. Albert, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Orphan's Home Society.

The last Annual Conference appointed a special committee con sisting of L. G. Adkinson, A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry, J. F. Marshall, Stephen Duncan, J. C. Hartzell and W. D. Godman, to take into consideration the status of the Orphan's Home property and to suggest some plan by which more orphan's could be provided for.

The above committee met in New Orleans, Monday, Jan. 13, and carefully considered the matters referred to them, and respectfully submit the following:

The Orphan's Home Society of Louisiana is a child of providence. A Home was opened immediately after the war for the

education especially of the orphan's of colored soldiers. There arose questions as to the character of the instruction to be given, whether it should be Protestant or Roman Catholic. This incident led M. de Bossiere of Marseilles, France, to make a donation of ten thousand dollars provided twenty thousand more be raised and invested in lands and buildings and that the children should be educated in the Protestant faith, irrespective of race or sex. Through the influence of Dr. J. P. Newman, now Bishop Newman, and others, a donation was secured from the Freedmen's Bureau and enough from other sources to meet the conditions.

In 1867 a plantation of nearly 1500 acres was bought on Bayou Teche and up to 1874 on an average over one hundred orphan's were cared for clothed and educated.

A number of adverse circumstances combined to make it impossible to secure a sufficient income to maintain the Home. The political revolution through which the state was passing, cut off the annual appropriations from the city of New Orleans and the state. The income from the plantation was not as large as was anticipated. A terrific storm greatly damaged the property. This with other adverse circumstances made it necessary to find homes for the orphan's and practically close the institution. An indebtedness of about $13000 had already accumulated and to continue the institution was to jeopardize the whole valuable property. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was prevailed upon by Dr. Hartzell to loan the Society $5000 and to take as security five hundred acres of the plantation. As this Society is a part of the church this movement not only relieved the Orphan's Home Society, but made it practically certain that the property should be still held for the benefit of our people. A small portion of the plantation was also disposed of to satisfy the largest creditor. The remainder of this we paid through years of indefatigable effort on the part of Dr. Godman and wife, who raised the money almost entirely in the North. The result was that more than a thousand acres of land yet remained, a permanent investment of the church for the good of humanity. In addition to paying debts,

the orphan's Home which had been greatly injured by a storm, was rebuilt and was outfitted for school purposes and a school was maintained in which from 200 to 400 students were taught year by year.

In the year 1884 a tri-party agreement was entered into by the Orphan's Home Society and the Freedmen's Aid Society and Hon. W. L. Gilbert of Winsted, Conn., by which the Orphan's Home Board deeded to the Society at Cincinnati what is now the present campus of Gilbert Academy which covers about thirteen acres, on condition that that society should take in charge the administration of an institution of learning to be known as Gilbert Academy and Mr. Gilbert was to contribute $5000 toward the erection of another building. Subsequently Mr. Gilbert donated another $5000. These donations, together with that Dr. Godmau raised and that the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society gave towards the support of the school, erected the present commodious buildings including the brick academy building, dormitory hall for the girls, dormitory hall for the boys, a dining and boarding hall and the industrial building, together with many improvements as to fences, etc.

Mr. Gilbert's interest continued to grow and he provided in his will an endowment fund of $40,000 to be saved and administered by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society for the Academy.

Another point in the tri-party agreement is that the school should educate and care for as many orphans as the income from the plantation would maintain.

All the conditions of this agreement have been carried out. Gilbert Academy is one of the best schools of its grade in the South. We have all this property of lands and buildings without a dollar of indebtedness upon it. We have also a large and commodious chapel built by money raised by Dr. Godman with the aid of a small donation from the church extension soclety.

The marvel is that in spite of all the difficulties and revolution of race antagonism and financial embarrassment that we

have such magnificent property for school and orphan home purposes with an endowment of $40,000. From 1870 Dr. Hartzell with unflagging diligence cooperated with those in connection with the institution and property to save it from destruction and later on, Dr. Godman came to the front and has given years of untiring devotion to this great work.

The practical question now is has the time come for the opening of an Orphans' Home in a separate building? In reply to this the committee has to report the offer of Mrs. Dr. Godman of a good house and lot located in Baldwin valued at from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars on the payment of $400. We are glad to learn that the Orphan's Home can take this gift and pay this $400 out of rents from lands owned by the Society.

The committee recommend to the Orphan's Home Board that as soon as practicable arrangements be made for the receiving of orphans, first preference to be given to the orphans of ministers of the Louisiana Conference.

The committee urges upon the Board not to incur any indebtedness, but to only proceed in this work as rapidly as the money is providentially provided.

Your committee wish to express its profound gratitude to God for all the good that has been accomplished by the Orphans' Home Society and also to express its gratification for the devoted and heroic efforts of the brothers and sisters who have had responsibility in connection with this work from the beginning. Quite a number of men and women are now in positions of usefulness in church and secular life or who are fathers and mothers in christian homes who were cared for and educated in the Home and many others in less prominent places are men and women of worth and influence in the communities where they live.

S. Duncan, chairman.

J. C. Hartzell, secretary.

Letter to Mrs. Dr. and Miss Inez Godman.

The following letter was transmitted to Mrs. Dr. and Miss Inez Godman, as ordered by the Conference, viz:

"Mrs. Dr. and Miss Inez Godman: The Louisiana Conference is pleased to learn through Dr. Hartzell that Mrs. Dr. W. D. Godman has donated the larger part of a good house and lot valued at one thousand dollars to our Orphan Home Society. This property is located at Baldwin, La., and is given without any condition. It may be either occupied, rented or sold. The only condition being that it be either used in caring for orphans or if sold its proceeds be reinvested for the same purpose.

The Conference also rejoices to learn of the noble purpose of Miss Inez Godman to devote her two-story frame house and the lot upon which it stands to the same good work, as soon as her plans can be matured. The magnificent private library of her father, Rev. W. D. Godman, forms an additional and important part of this proposed gift. This library cost originally about four thousand dollars, and is estimated by Dr. Godman to be worth now twenty-five thousand dollars.

We rejoice in the continued interests which these sisters in the Lord manifest in caring for the poor among our colored people and we shall ever pray a continued blessing of God to rest upon them and to give them success in all their plans for the advancement of His kingdom.

The Louisiana Conference has learned with profound regret that our beloved brother, Rev. W. D. Godman, was unable to be present at this session because of enfeebled health, but we rejoice to learn that notwithstanding his physical infirmaties he is able to prosecute his work of raising an endowment for the Gilbert Academy and Industrial Institute.

We pray the Lord to bless him physically and prolong his life many years to carry forward his benevolent and blessed work which has for nearly a generation absorbed his best

thought and effort.

We send him, as a Conference, our Christian salutations, and pray continued blessings upon him and his.

Signed in behalf of the Conference:

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,
President.

A. E. P. ALBERT,
Secretary.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16, 1896.

MINUTE CONCERNING DR. GODMAN.

The following action was taken relative to Dr. Godman and his work and was transmitted to him by the secretary, viz:

"Whereas Rev. W. D. Godman, D. D., President of Gilbert Academy and Industrial Institute continues with unflagging faith and interest, as far as his health will permit to represent the interests of that Institute in the North;

Whereas, in addition to large personal donations to the cause, he is making a special effort to secure an endowment for one or more departments of the said Institue,

Resolved, that we hereby express our continued confidence in him as a philanthropist and commend him to all lovers of humanity and especially of Christian education among the poor and needy of this State.

We are sincerely thankful for the donation of $800 in property, made by Dr. Godman toward the endowment of Gilbert Academy and Industrial Institute. We learn of this donation to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society through Dr. Hartzell, and see in this but another evidence of Dr. Godmans conscientious and devoted interest to the cause of the poor in our midst.

The property of this Institution consists of nearly a thousand acres of land, and a number of commodious and well equipped buildings. Its greatest need is now an endowment for its in-

dustrial department, which will yield a sufficient income to support a superintendent. The facilities are excellent for a department in agriculture. The demand for this kind of educational work is very great among the colored people, for whom this Institution has been especially founded."

Signed in behalf of the Louisiana Conference:

JAMFS N. FITZGERALD,
President.

A. E. P. ALBERT,
Secretary.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16, 1896.

Lafon Old Folks' Home of the M. E. Church.

Yonr committee respectfully submit that after a careful examination into the management and affairs of the Lafon Old Folks' Home, they found the management excellent and the affairs of the Home in splendid shape. The Board of Managers planned and fully expected to have been able to present to Bishop FitzGerald and this Conference one of the most beautiful and best appointed Home edifices for the aged in this country, for dedication at this session, together with a full and complete history and financial statement of the Home from its inception to the present, but just as the building was almost completed, it was most cruelly aud unfortunately burnt down by the hands of an incendiary. The loss however, was fully covered by insurance, the builder and his securities are solvent and it is the intention of the Board to complete the building and to have the financial statement and historical sketch in readiness to be presented to the Annual Convention of the Home, which meets during the month of April. The thirty-nine lots owned in Camp Parapet have been newly fenced in, and are rented to Mrs. Harriet Washington, at $60.00 per year, yielding a fair interest upon the capital there invested. It is growing more and more valuable. The

last grand note resting against the Old Home building on Rampart, worth $4,000 has been lifted, and is free from incumbrances. When the new Home is completed it is proposed to renovate the old building and rent it out to assist in the support of the institution. The new Home will be located upon the triangular square bounded by Amelia, Delachaise and S. Robertson streets where it was burnt down a few weeks ago. The work and mission of the Home commands itself to all the friends of Christian humanity, and since the Institution is now a Conference Institution it is affectionately urged that all our churches throughout the State contribute to its support. The Local Board makes the following annual showing, viz:

Annual Report of the Local Board Lafon Old Folks' Home.

Year ending Jan. 1st, 1896.

Matrons	1
Number of Inmates	19
Number admitted	9
Left the Home	2
Number of deaths	7

Amount raised from the following churches: Wesley Chapel, First street, Mallalieu, Williams Chapel, Simpson Chapel, Mount Zion, Pleasant Plains, La Harpe, Union Chapel, Haven Chapel	$276 76
Donated by Lawyer Martinet	25 00
Groceries, Vegetables and Coal donated to the amount of	87 70
Total	$389 46
Expended	386 25
Leaving in the treasury of the Local Board, balance,	$ 3 21

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Hilton, chairman.

S. E. H. Morant, secretary.

Periodicals.

The periodical literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church has grown to enormous proportions. Its weekly newspapers are issued by the hundred thousand every week. Its quarterly, monthly, and Sunday School publications rank with the very best in the world.

We urge our brethern to become subscribers to the Methodist Review, a publication that ought to be in the hands of all our pastors. It is filled with the latest and freshest discussions of doctrinal and practical questions as well as giving in each number a valuable regime of current literature.

Our own Southwestern Christian Advocate under the editorship of Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., has our hearty support. We regret that its circulation is not larger throughout the bounds of our Conference and we hereby pledge greater interest than ever before to place the paper in the hands, at least, of every local preacher and official member in our charges.

We extend to Dr. Hammond our cordial support. We regret that the size of the paper has been reduced and trust that as soon as practicable it may be restored to its original size.

J. C. Hartzell, chairman,
A. G. Davis, secretary.

Temperance and Prohibition.

Whereas, our church has declared that the liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin: and has placed herself in the eyes of the world in favor of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and believing that prohibition is the only righteous and possible method to completely overthrow the liquor traffic; and

Whereas, we regard total abstinence from intoxicating beverages as the duty of every christian; therefore be it

Resolved, that we will continue our efforts to keep the record of our church clean before the world on this subject, as distinctly in favor of prohibition now and ever.

Resolved, that as ministers, we will set the example for total abstinence; prohibit the use of intoxicants in our homes, and enjoin the same rules upon our people.

Resolved, that we will emphasize more and more the lessons on temperance in our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, and that we will on all proper occasions and at proper times speak and work for the complete victory of prohibition, in the eternal overthrow of the liquor traffic.

Resolved that "we will accept no compromise, but demand the unconditional surrender of the rebellious business."

E. H. Clark,
N. R. Randolph,
G. L. Rogers.

Edward W. Osburn, chairman,
A. Gray, secretary.

Division of Louisiana Conference.

We, your Committee on the Division of the Conference having met on the 14th of January do hereby make this our report.

That in view of the shortness of time to discuss the matter, which was committed to it and which is of the greatest importance—

Therefore we request this Conference to take the matter under consideration and instruct the delegates to ask the General Conference for the renewal of the enabling act.

A. E. P. Albert, chairman.
H. J. Wright, secretary.

Church Extension.

We rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God for the great work that the Board of Church Extension has done and is doing for Methodism in our State. Over one half dozen churches were helped during the past year, for which we are glad and we shall do all in our power to increase our collections for the Board of Church Extension.

Resolved, that we appreciate what has been done and that we hereby urge payment by all those who have secured loans, and that we will do all we can to raise our full apportionment for the Board of Church Extension.

A. Moore, chairman.
W. R. Butler, secretary.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missions.

We recognize the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies as great factors in the uplifting of fallen humanity and the spread of the Gospel in all lands. We rejoice over their heroic efforts and success, and we pledge ourselves to further the good work by every means at our command.

The good work being done at Peck Home, on Peters ave., in New Orleans, is an inspiration to all our people, and we commend it to all interested in the best model christian home life of our people The christian ladies in charge of it, deserve our most cordial support and esteem, and we shall remember them at the Throne of Grace.

J. W. Turner, chairman,
Valcour Chapman, secretary.

Sunday School

In consideration of the fact that the Sunday-school is an essential factor in the Christian cause, and unless watchful supervision is kept over it, the future Church cannot be what it ought to be. It therefore becomes the indispensible duty of every minister and member of the Church to labor for the advancement of this great institution. The glorious news should be spread abroad the Sunday-school work of our Church embraces 29,862 schools, with 348,685 officers and teachers, and 2,510,539 scholars. Certainly these figures ought to impress the importance of improving the Sunday-schools, and of gathering the young people into its folds.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that we will do more to organize new schools throughout our Conference and to distribute the literature of the Church among our people, for their religious training. We will pray God's blessings upon the general officers of the Sunday-school department of our Church.

J. W. Hilton, chairman.
J. H. Pierre, secretary.

Tract Society

We regard the Tract Society as an evangelizing instrument, whose power for good cannot be over-estimated. The Society of our Church commands a vast assortment of tract literature which is at the hands of our pastors and tract committees. We therefor recommend that they avail themselves of the privileges that Society gives to the cause of the spread of the Kingdom of Christ among men; and that we raise the full amount of $65.00 which it apportions to be raised by our Conference for its work.

R. Barrow, chairman,
J. D. Pool, secretary.

Bible Cause

The American Bible Society has been a great factor in solving religious problems by the wonderful distribution of Bibles among the people of the earth. It has not only furnished Bibles for our churches and Sunday-schools in this country, but is furnishing every Protestant missionary in all lands with a copy of God's word free of charge.

To assist in the worthy purpose of putting God's word in the hands of all nations, it is necessary that every pastor in the Louisiana Conference take up special collections for this noble cause, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Bible Society, that the society may be able to continue to distribute Bibles among the poor people of the world.

Resolved, That we multiply our efforts in behalf of the Bible cause, that has done so much towards the spread of the Christian religion and civilization.

W. S. Harris, chairman,
Wm. Harris, secretary.

Auditing Accounts.

We, your committee on auditing presiding elders accounts report: That the books of accounts have been examined and were all found correct.

T. J. Johnson, chairman.
T. McCary, secretary.

Missionary Appropriations.

Alexandria District,	$270
Abbeville,	15
Sorrell and Union	15
Jennings and Welch	35
LeCompte and Spring Creek	15
Rayne and Crowley	15
	365
Baton Rouge District,	270
St. Mark	50
Rylander Chapel	20
New Roads	20
St. Paul and Vincent	20
Wilson and Norwood	20
	400
Monroe District,	535
Altonia Circuit	50
Ft. Necessity	40
Casper and Jones	50
Winnsboro	50
New Work	25
Collinston	50
Anderson	20
Delhi	50
Waco	30
	900
South N. O. District,	225
Beattieville	10
Burwick City	15
Centreville	15
Patterson	25
St. Patrick	10
	300
Natchitoches District,	$425
Alpha	15
Allen	15
Boyce	20
Chopin	15
Coushatta	15
Fairmount	15
Lake End	15
Marthaville	15
Robeline	15
Columbus	15
	580
New Orleans Central Dist. St. Charles Ave.	400
North N. O. District	
Kenner	20
New River	15
LaPlace	20
St. John	20
Asbury	20
	95
Shreveport District,	$500
Bodcau	30
Grand Cane and Bonchest	15
Homer and Gibbs	30
Rocky Mount	15
Minden and Odom	45
Round Grove	25
Brownlee	20
	680
Grand Total	$3720.

F. T. Chinn, chairman;
A. E. P. Albert, secretary.

I concur in the above,

J. N. FITZGERALD.

APPORTIONMENTS

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Total to Louisiana Conference $595

APPORTIONMENT BY DISTRICTS.

Alexandria	90	New Orleans Central	5
Baton Rouge	90	New Orleans North	120
Monroe	52	New Orleans South	120
Natchitoches	52	Shreveport	68

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Total $509

Alexandria	90	New Orleans Central	5
Baton Rouge	90	New Orleans North	120
Monroe	52	New Orleans South	120
Natchitoches	52	Shreveport	68

Conference Claimants, Total 509

Apportioned on same basis as Episcopal Fund.

MISSIONS.

Total ..... $3.720.

Alexandria	425	New Orleans Central	400
Baton Rouge	400	New Orleans North	95
Monroe	900	New Orleans South	300
Natchitoches	520	Shreveport	680

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Total ..... $800.

Alexandria	145	New Orleans Central	15
Baton Rouge	145	New Orleans North	170
Monroe	95	New Orleans South	170
Natchitoches	95	Shreveport	105

FREEDMEN'S AID.

Total ..... 1250.

Alexandria	210	New Orleans Central	10
Baton Rouge	210	New Orleans North	265
Monroe	120	New Orleans South	265
Natchitoches	120	Shreveport	150

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY.

Total ..... $210.

Alexandria	$45	New Orleans Central	$ 5
Baton Rouge	45	New Orleans North	55
Monroe	25	New Orleans South	55
Natchitoches	25	Shreveport	31

EDUCATION.

Total ..... $225.

Alexandria	$35	New Orleans Central	$ 8
Baton Rouge	35	New Orleans North	60
Monroe	20	New Orleans South	60
Natchitoces	50	Shreveport	35

BIBLE COURSE.

Total $100,

Alexandria	18	New Orleans Central	5
Baton Rouge	18	New Orleans North	20
Monroe	10	New Orleans South	20
Natchitoches	10	Shreveport	13

MINUTES.

	OLD ACCOUNT. Payable 1st Quarter.	1896. Payable 1st Quarter.		1897 Payable Dis. Cou.
Alexandria .....(Full)	$30.00	280 copies	$35.00	$35.00
Baton Rouge .....(Bal.)	28.00	280 "	35.00	35.00
Monroe .....(Full)	5.00	160 "	20.00	20.00
Natchitoches	Paid	160 "	20.00	20.00
New Orleans Central	Paid	80 "	10.00	10.00
New Orleans North (Bal.)	20.00	320 "	40.00	40.00
New Orleans South (Bal.)	57.50	320 "	40.00	40.00
Shreveport .....(Full)	30.00	200 "	25.00	25.00
Total.....	$170.50	1800 "	$225.00	$225.00

Payments on old minutes accounts. In addition to what has already been paid on old minutes account the secretary received the following amounts at the present session of the Conference, viz:

From the Monroe district.....	$9 52
" Alexandria district.....	3 90
" North New Orleans dist...	6 85
" Preachers' Aid Society ..	10 00
Total.....	$30 00

Balance due old minutes account, $118 96.

A. E. P. ALBERT.

Treasurer's Report

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Balance from last Conference	23 50
Invested in Murrell property	308 00
Interest on same from Feb. 1890–94	98 56
Note on Rev. Braxton Bolden	4 90
	434 96

Paid out:

Insurance on Murrell property	5 50
State Tax " "	4 50
City " " "	12 50
Principal & Interest " "	406 56
Bolden's note.....	4 90
Balance in treasury.....	1 00
	434 96

The report was approved.

Cash Balance in Treasury Jan. 18, 1896.

Collected from annual dues (1896).....		74 50
Carried from balance reported above		1 00
Total.....		75 50

Paid out. To old minutes account.....	10 00	
To publishing minutes 1896.....	15 00	
	25 00	
Balance Cash on hand.....	50 50	
Total.....	75 75	

Treasurer's Report.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
1	Abbeville Mission	$ 4	$	$ 4
2	Abbeville	4		4
3	Alexandria	15	30	45
4	Booneville	15		15
5	Bunkie	2		2
6	Cade and Breaux Bridge			
7	Cheneyville	4	1	5
8	Cotton Port Circut		2	2
9	Eola Circuit		2	2
10	Glencoe and Island	18		18
11	Grand Cot			
12	Hubertville	17		17
13	Jeanerette and Patoutville	14	3	17
14	Jennings and Welch			
15	Lafayette			
16	LaCompte and Spring Creek	7	3	10
17	Lake Charles	8		8
18	Moreland			
19	New Iberia	18		18
20	Olevier		4	4
21	Opelousas	4	2	6
22	Pineville	10	5	15
23	Poland			
24	Plaisance			
25	Rayne and Crowley	1		1
26	St. Martinsville	18	8	26
27	St. Peter	3	6	9
28	Sorrell and Union	3		3
29	Washington	20		20
30	Waxia	4		4
31	Vincent Chapel			

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
32	Morrow	$ 3	$	$ 3
33	Avoca and Regolett	5	4	9
34	Sunflower	4	1	5
		$201	$71	$272

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

1	Albert Chapel	$ 20	$	$ 20
2	Baton Rouge			
3	St. Mark	12		12
4	Wesley Ch.	44	22	66
5	Bayou Goula			
6	Banden and St. Luke	1		1
7	Clinton	5	25	30
8	Conrad	20	1	21
9	Hartzell	13	7	20
10	Jackson Circuit	10		10
11	Lettsworth and Union	6		6
12	Macedonia Circuit	13	5	18
13	Mellville and Sumner Creek	8		8
14	Merrill and Mt. Zion	9		9
15	Mount Carmel	10		10
16	Musson Circuit	12	5	17
17	New Roads	8		8
18	Plank Road	2		2
19	Plaquemine and Indianville	9		9
20	Port Allen	24		24
21	Rylander Circuit	6		6
22	St. Peter	3	5	8
23	Slaughter Circuit	13		13
24	Stony Point	14		14
25	Wesley Chapel	3	5	8
26	Vincent Chapel			
27	Priestly "	1		1
28	Brusley			
30	St. Paul	5		5
31	Wilson		1	1
32	Union Chapel and Island	3		3
		$274	$76	$350

MONROE DISTRICT.

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
1	Anderson	$ 2	$	$ 2
2	Bastrop and Washington	25		25
3	Collinston	2		2
4	Delhi	6		6
5	Desiard and Beulah	20		20
6	Fort Necessity	6		6
7	Jones Chapel Circuit	1	2	3
8	Lake Providence	20		20
9	Monroe	30	9	39
10	Mt. Nebo	10	3	13
11	Waco	5		5
15	Winnsborough	6		6
		133	14	147

NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT.

1	Allen	$ 3	$ 1	$ 4
2	Alpha and Union	3		3
3	Bedford	7	36	43
4	Boyce	2		2
5	Campte	4	18	22
6	Chopin	2		2
7	Colfax			
8	Columbus Circuit	6		6
9	Coushatta	2	1	3
10	Fairmount	12		12
11	Lake End			
12	Marthaville and Ft. Jessup	7	5	12
13	Natchitoches	1	6	7
14	Pleasant Hill Circuit	6	1	7
15	Robeline and New Town	10		10
16	St. Marice and Montgomery			
17	Stringfellow	1		1
18	Cane River	2		2
		68	68	136

NEW ORLEANS CENTRAL DISTRICT.

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
1	Hammond	$ 47	$	$ 47
2	French First Church			
3	Italian First Church	16		16
4	City Mission			
5	St. Charles Ave.	78		78
		141		141

NEW ORLEANS NORTH DISTRICT.

1	Algiers Mission	$	$	$
2	Asbury Chapel	4		4
3	Darrowville	12	2	14
4	Franklinton and Hays Creek	3		3
5	Gretna	4	5	9
6	Houma	9		9
7	Kenner	5		5
8	LaPlace	2		2
9	Lower Coast			
10	Mandeville and Winan	3	3	6
	New Orleans—			
11	LaHarpe	5	21	26
12	Mt. Zion	17	65	82
13	Pleasant Plain	38		38
14	St. Matthew	26	5	31
15	Thompson Ch.	17	2	19
16	Union Ch.	97	23	120
17	Wesley Ch.	190	57	247
18	New River	3		3
19	Ponchatoula and Springfield			
20	St. Charles	11	14	25
21	St. John	1		1
22	Shady Grove	3		3
23	Slidell and Pearlville	8	3	11
24	White Hall	51		51
25	Dulac		1	1
		509	201	710

NEW ORLEANS SOUTH DISTRICT.

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
1	Beattieville	4		4
2	Camp Parapet	3		3
3	Centreville and Verdunville	8		8
4	Donaldsonville	60		60
5	Franklin	20	10	30
6	Klottzville	7	5	12
7	Morgan City	1	7	8
8	Napoleonville	20		20
	New Orleans—			
9	Cushman Chapel			
10	First Street	38	102	140
11	Haven Chapel	8	4	12
12	Malden Chapel	5		5
13	Mallalieu	25	5	30
14	Simpson	77	46	123
15	University Chapel	54	20	74
16	William Chapel	34	1	35
17	Schriever	4		4
18	Thibobodaux	22		22
19	Woodlawn	29		29
20	Godman Chapel	10		10
21	Trinity	15		15
22	Vacerie			
		$444	$200	$644

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

1	Bodcau and Asbury	2	5	7
2	Curtis and Hays	4	1	5
3	Fairfield Circuit	23		23
4	Flourney "	15	4	19
5	Grand Cane and Bonchest	4	2	6
6	Longstreet and Mt. Zion	8	2	10
7	Mansfield	7	9	16
8	Rocky Mount	10		10
9	Shady Grove	24	10	34

		Cash	Vouchers	Total
	Shreveport—			
10	St. James	65	19	84
11	St. Paul	80	20	100
12	Stonewall, Gloster and Keriville			
13	Vanceville, Scott Chapel . .	16		16
14	Yellow Pine, Odum, & Duberly			
15	Sarepta and Benton . . .	2		2
16	Cane City	6		6
		$266	$ 72	$338

RECAPITULATION.

Alexandria District, ...	201	71	272
Baton Rouge "	274	76	350
Central "	141		141
Monroe "	133	14	147
Natchitoches "	68	68	136
New Orleans North	509	201	710
New Orleans South	444	200	644
Shreveport	266	72	338
	$2036	$ 702	$2738

Valcour Chapman,
Treasurer.

Report of Board of Stewards.

RECEIPTS.

From Chartered Fund	$ 22 00	
From Book Concern	1086 00	
From Conference Collection	126 00	— $1,234

DISBURSEMENTS.

Payments to Conference claimants as follows:

NAME.	AMOUNT.	TO WHOM PAID.
Emperor Williams	$280	Priestly.
John Sparks	30	W. Harrison.
Samuel Armstead	60	Self.
Horace Wallace	50	"
Geo. Washington	15	"
H. O. Williams	150	"
Austin Jones	40	T. J. Johnson
Widow Ford	50	Self.
" Daily	75	Hartzell.
" Vance	20	T. J. Johnson
" Washington and children	40	Self.
" Ennis	40	S. Priestly.
" Gould and children	30	H. Taylor.
" I. Hayward	10	E. Fields.
" Burton	15	Lashington.
" Osborne	15	Self.
" LeGardy and children	40	J. W. Hudson
" Wm. Smith and children	40	Self.
" Murrel	75	C. Monroe.
" Ross	50	D. G. Butler.
" Thomas and children	50	W. R. Butler.
" S. S. Wright	50	B. J. Reddix.
" A. Kennedy and children	30	A. J. Proctor.
" C. Thompson	30	H. James.
" R. Thompson	30	T. J. Johnson
Simon Evan's children	30	S. Priestly.
Scott Chinn's daughter	10	T. J. Johnson

A. Primus' children	10	Montgomery.
Eugene Baptiste	25	Self.
Samuel Bell	10	Self.
Jules Benne	10	"
Simon Mitchell	15	"
S. R. Hason	9	"
Total	$1,434 *	

*(By a miscalculation that is apparent, $1,434 were paid out, when only $1,234 had been received. This leaves the Conference Claimants Fund owing the General Funds $200.)

REV. WILLIAM P. FORREST.

There passed away from his home, in Carrollton, Saturday, June 16, 1895, an old landmark among the members of this Conference, in the person of the Rev. Wm. P. Forrest. His funeral, which was one of the largest ever attended in this city, took place Sunday, June 17, at Haven M. E. Church, and he was laid to rest in the Carrollton Cemetery. Among the ministers present were the Revs. W. S. Harris, Stephen Priestly, Charles Monroe, Henry Taylor, Samuel Bell, David Young, Thos. Pye, Burnett Brown, T. G. Montgomery, L. G. Adkinson, D. D., anr A. E. P. Albert, D. D. Nearly all the ministers present eithed acted as pallbearers or officiated in the services.

The great God of our fathers buries his workmen and carries on his work by others whom he calls to fill their places. We mourn the removal of one of the most heroic of that race of giants that composed and organized the Louisiana Annual Conference in 1869, when it was separated from the Mississippi Mission Conference, of which it was a part, from its organization, December 25, 1865, until January, 1869.

"The Rev. Wm. P. Forrest, was not one of the original eighteen that organized the mission in 1865' but was one of the thirty-seven that received appointments from the Louisiana Conference after its organization, January, 1869.

"He was admitted into the Louisiana Annual Conference January 14, 1869. twenty-four years, five months and one day, to the day of his glorious translation, he was 'not superannuated or located, but high cated' as he used to say. He has gone up on high to join his co-laborers that preceeded him out of the kingdom of grace into the kingdom of glory.

"It is difficult to realize that Wm. P. Forrest is gone, and will no more move us and impress his presence and individuality upon us. It is difficult to realize that the manly and towering Forrest, the great and remarkable preacher, the giant that moved the multitude, and that at times swayed our congregations with the majesty and sublimity of his eloquence, as a forest lashed by a mighty wind, is gone from us forever. He has answered the other roll—the roll of the just men made perfect; and we shall never see him or his like again till we meet before the throne of God.

"Rev. Wm. P. Forrest was a native of North Carolina, where he was born about 75 years ago. He was brought to this city when a young man, over fifty years ago, and soon gave his heart to God and united with that band of faithful disciples in the old Gravier Street Church, out of which old Wesley Chapel sprung, and in which he took part and prominence in his early manhood. A year or two before the war he joined the A. M. E. Church and became a member of St. James A. M. E. Church, and in process of time he was ordained a deacon in that church; but so soon as the Mississippi Mission Conference was organized in December, 1865, he began to debate in his mind the question of his return to his first-love, and January 14, 1869, he was admitted by Bishop Simpson and recognized as a deaoon in the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was spiritually born, and out of whose ministry, after nearly twenty-five years of ceaseless service, he passes from labor to reward. He was ordained to elders' orders by Bishop Levi Scott, December, 1879, in a class of six, only two of whom remain, viz: Revs. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., and Abram Hilton.

"During the years of his ministry Brother Forrest served the following appointments: Gretna and Campbell Chapel, 1869-70; Union Bethel, 1871; Franklin, 1872-74; Cypremont, 1875; Clinton Street (now Williams Chapel), 1876-77; Simpson Chapel, 1878-79; Baton Rouge, 1880; Red River Landing, 1881; Clinton, 1882-83; Pleasant Plains, 1884-85; Fairfield, 1886; St. Charles, 1887-88; St. Matthew, 1889-90; Thompson, 1881; Camp Parapet; 1892-93; Haven, 1894-95. From all these places multitudes of

precious souls, whom he called to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, have entered into rest, and his good works therein will continue to follow him long after he shall have begun to wear the well-worn crown which the righteous Judge has promised him and all that love theappearance of the Son."

REV. ALEXANDER J. FORD,

Was born 43 years ago, in St. Mary's parish, La., and converted about twenty-five years ago under the ministry of Rev. Samuel Osborne at Franklin, La. He served the Church as a class leader, recording steward, Sunday school superintendent and local preacher. He was elected a layman from Franklin to the Lay Electoral Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference, held in New Orleans, at Wesley Chapel, Jan. 21, 1880. He served on a committee of three with A. Mitchell and A. T. Grigsby, and reported the results of its work in the election of Graham Bell and W. B. Smith, as delegates to the General Conference of 1880. He was recommended from Franklin, to the traveling connection on trial in 1881, in a class of fourteen young men—Revs. J. W. Lewis, M. J. Dyer, H. C. Armston, H. J. Wright, T. McCary, F. T. Chinn, H. James, C. Monroe, G. J. Rogers, S. S. Wright, J. H. Rylander, C. Crockett and E. Harrison, on Jan. 25, 1881. His first appointment was to Cheneyville, by Bishop Foss, and served one year. His second appointment was to Houma, and served two years. His third appointment was to Clinton street, New Orleans, where he served two years. His fourth appointment was to Glenco and Island, and served two years. His fifth appointment was to Alexandria, where he served five years. His sixth appointment was to St. James, Shreveport, serving two years, 1893-1894. His last work in the Louisiana Annual Conference, held in Monroe, La., was as statistical secretary. He received his last charge by Bishop Thomas Bowman, Feb. 11, to Union Chapel, New Orleans.

His failing health and illness was beyond all medical aid and the skill of physicians was not equal to the great destruction of

nature. He fell in the midst of many warm friends. He sleeps a blessed sleep. Sleep on, dear brother, until we too shall cross the Jordan.

There is a sunny rest for every troubled breast,
Though grief may bide and evening guest.
But joy shall come with early light,
For God hath worked each sorrowing tear;
And heaven's long age of bliss shall pay,
For all his childrens' sufferings here.

JOHN BUTLER, SR.

Mr. John Butler, Sr., father of Rev. D. G. Butler, departed from this life Sept. 26, 1895, at the age of 61 years. Brother Butler was an honored citizen of Donaldsonville. He left a wife, two son's and a daughter, to mourn their loss, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

JAMES O. BROWN, SR.

We mourn with our beloved brother, the Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., the death of his father, brother Jas. O. Brown, Sr., who departed from this life Sept. 9, 1865.

Brother Brown had been recommended for deacon's orders' by the district conference of the N. O. South District.

MRS. EMMA J. DYER.

Mrs. Emma J. Dyer, wife of Rev. M. J. Dyer, died in the city of Natchitoches, La., March 5, 1895.

Sister Dyer was a native of New York, born July 12, 1864. In 1882 she joined the New Orleans University Jubilee Songsters, who were taken to New York by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Godman. They traveled that year in the interest of the Gilbert Academy. On April 10, 1885, she was married to Rev. M. J.

Dyer. Thenceforth she made her home in the South among our people. To see was to admire her, and to hear her sing was to be charmed by the sweetness of her songs. She was respected and loved by everybody that knew her. She leaves an only child, a little girl 7 years old who possesses the destinguished qualities of her mother. Our sympathy and love go out to our bereaved brother and his motherless daughter.

MISS RUTH BELL,

Daughter of Rev. Samuel Bell, was born July 21, 1875, and passed to her home in heaven Dec. 31, 1895, from the residence of her father, in New Orleans.

We deeply sympathise with the bereaved ones in their great loss.

MRS. SIMON MITCHELL,

Mother of the Rev. Simon Mitchell, and the late Rev. Felix Landor, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church for 28 years, was translated to her home in heaven, Jan. 7, 1896. She went up from her home in New Orleans, in full triumph of faith.

We extend our sympathies to our bereaved brother.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution Complimentary to Bishop FitzGerald.

Whereas, Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, our resident bishop for this last quadrennium, has so acceptably labored among us; and whereas he has so patiently and impartially presided over this Annual Session;

Be it resolved that we pledge him our hearty support in his efforts for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom. Resolved further that we pray God's blessing upon him and his family; and that we will pray that he may be spared for a long life of usefulness in his holy calling.

Resolutions to Secretaries and Other Officers.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby extended to the Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, and their assistants for their very efficient and faithful services.

Complimentary to Mayor Fitzpatrick.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to his Honor Mayor John Fitzpatrick, for his excellent address of welcome; our gratitude for which cannot be adequately expressed in words. Resolved, that we extend to him our sympathy and appreciation, and that we will pray that his administration may be prosperous and successful.

Thanks to the Press.

Resolved, that we thank the daily press of this city, and es-

pecially the Daily Picayune for the full and accurate reports that they have seen fit to make of our proceedings.

Thanks to the People.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to the churches and especially Mt. Zion M. E. Church and its pastor and presiding elder, for the cordiality with which they have entertained this Conference.

Thanks to the Railroads.

Whereas, the various roads coming into this city have given us accommodation to reach the seat of Conference, at greatly reduced rates, therefore, be it resolved that we express to them our appreciation of their generous favor.

B. J. Reddix, chairman,
E. P. Harris, secretary

MEMORABILIA.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1868. Chicago, Ill. *Mississippi Mission Conference*—John P. Newman. *Reserve*—Anthony Ross.

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1872. Brooklyn, N. Y. Lucius C. Matlack. *Reserve*—William H. Daily.

1876. Baltimore, Md. Joseph C. Hartzell. *Reserves*—Henry Green, L. Allinger.

1880. Cincinnat, O. Emperor Williams, Joseph C. Hartzell. *Reserves*—Marcus Dale, Samuel Davage.

1884. Philadelphia, Pa. Joseph C. Hartzell, Aristides E. P. Albert. *Reserves*—Julius F. Marshall, Stephen Duncan.

1888. New York, N. Y.	Joseph C. Hartzell, Aristides E. P. Albert, Julius F. Marshall. *Reserves*—Madison C. B. Mason, Ernest Lyon, George W. Wells.
1892. Omaha, Neb.	Joseph C. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert, Pierre Landry. *Reserves*—S. Duncan, Ernest Lyon, S. Priestly.
1896. Cleveland, O.	Joseph C. Hartzell, A. E. Albert, J. F. Marshall. *Reserves* –Pierre Landry, Stephen Duncan.

LAY DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1872. Brooklyn, N. Y.	Pierre Landry. *Reserve*—Robert W. Bowie.
1876. Baltimore, Md.	Graham Bell. *Reserve*—Cyrus Bussy.
1880. Cincinnati, O.	Graham Bell, Washington B. Smith. *Reserves*—Morris J. Dyer, John F. Patty.
1884. Philadelphia, Pa.	Graham Bell, William Duplessis. *Reserves*—Robert F. Fenno, N. D. Bush.
1888. New York City.	Graham Bell, Jason L. Jones *Reserves*—Arthur A. Lacey John A. Moton.
1892 Omaha, Neb.	A. G. Miller, John F. Patty. *Reserves*—Chas. C. Morse, Wm. J. Walker.
1896. Cleveland, Ohio.	Charles C. Morse, George F. Huntley. *Reserves*—Joseph A. Reddix, Rene C. Metoyer.

DELEGATES TO ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

1891. Washington, D. C.	*Ministers*—Aristides E. P. Albert J. C. Hartzell. *Laymen*—John F. Patty, Charles M. Smith.

STATISTICS No. 1.

JAMES W. HUDSON, Statistical Secretary, Shreveport, La.

NAME OF CHARGE.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Number of Probationers	Number of Full Members	Number of Local Preachers	Number of Deaths	Number of Children Baptized	Number of Adults Baptized	Number of Schools	Number of Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholrrs	Number of Churches	Probable value	Number of Parsonages	Probable value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Church Property
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.																
Wilson	12	15					1	6	35	1	50			10	9	
Slaughter	8	54		6	5	15	1	6	50	1	950	1	150	51	100	91
Albert Chapel	10	150	9	4	26	2	2	10	80	1	2000	1	600	313	20	250
Wesley Chapel	6	96	3	2	36		2	16	98	2	1200	1	200	15	8	130
Plaquemine	17	54	5	2	10	9	2	12	53	1	2500	1	500	164		222
Rylander Chapel	2	31	4	3	5	9	1	4	25	1	500	1	100			
St. Paul	1	35	1	2	2	2	1	6	30	1	300				53	
Musson Circuit	14	100	6	3	18	8	3	23	150	3	900	1	200	77		
Clinton	12	96	2	2	7		1	9	65	1	1500	1	400	112		140
Jackson	3	37	2	2	11	8	1	4	48	1	2000	1	500	50	10	53
Mt. Carmel	34	60	2	12	10	10	2	10	90	1	500	1	150	14	3	3
Melville and Sumner	4	65	5	1	5	10	2	5	55	2	800	1	60	20		
Conrad	3	55	4	2	15	1	1	5	50	1	1200	1	300	3	14	14
Bayou Goula	3	20	3	3	7	4	1	4	40	1	102	1	100			
Macedonia	21	125	4	2	2	12	1	9	125	2	1500	2	200	10	15	
Plank Road	2	36	1	5	2		1	3	54	1	400			8		3
St. Mark	18	37	4	4	10		3	6	120	1	600			30	100	150
Scott Chapel	4	60	6	2	9	4	1	7	60	1	500			20		
Union Chapel and Island	3	45	4	3	1		2	6	27	3	500	1	50			6
New Roads	1	24	1	2	5		2	5	12	1	500	1	200	71	3	9
Jones Creek	4	45	2		10		1	2	16	1	600			8		
Hartzell Chapel	18	79	5	1	17	1	1	13	75	1	2000	1	400			30
Stony Point	18	75	6	3		16	1	8	117	2	1300	1	200	30	3	195
Port Allen	12	92	5	1	26	4	1	8	115	1	1000	1	600			
Wesley Chapel, Baton Rouge	34	239	3	4	17	14	3	212	200	2	10000			980		2700
St. Peter	8	60	9	3	3		2	6	51	1	800	1	250	225	25	20
St. Luke and Brandon	10	25	1	2	5	3	1	5	35	3	300			11		
Letsworth and Uuion							1		1							
Merril Chapel	6	76	4	5	6	1	2	6	86	1	600	1	100	2		

Vincent Chapel										1						
Priestly Chapel										2						
Brusly	13	9			4	3	1	4	13	1	400				24	69
Total	306	893	104	78	277	136	44	320	1894	41	35502	21	5280	2224	287	4087
NEW ORLEANS CENTRAL DISTRICT.																
St. Charles Ave	18	68	1		6	2	1	12	51	1	47000	1	3000	377		
First Italian	7	22			3	1	3	6	50							
Hammond	3	83		1		4	1	15	65	1	1200	1	1000	550		500
First French																
City Mission																
Total	28	173	1	1	9	7	5	33	166	2	48200	2	4000	920		500
SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.																
Williams Chapel	20	158	4	4	10	1	1	10		1	4000	1	500		356	
Napoleonville	26	88	5	3	7	33	2	9	78	1	900	1	300	39	36	32
Klotzville	3	27	1				1	5	25	1	600	1	24	212		97
Beativille	5	35	1	2	4		1	8	60	1	1200			12	5	30
Donaldsonville	28	156	2	12	20		1	8	65	1	6000	1	800	3256	10	2205
Winsted	10	94	5	2	15	6	2	12	170	2	8000	2	400	375	10	
Morgan City	3	35	6	2	8		1	8	40	1	1900	1	300	1542	72	391
Mallalieu	4	114	5	2	5		1	6	75	1	3000			80		400
N. O. University	10	29	1				1	8	98							
Godman Chapel	11	20	4		19	2	1	5	35	1	1000	1	700	25	18	254
Camp Parapet	3	66	5	2	36		1	5	36	1	1500	1	50			
Centreville	15	62	4	2	15	1	2	10	75	2	2000	1	500	60		9
Woodlawn	49	110	2	15	22	19	1	9	142	1	4000	1	400	380	65	40
Franklin	6	118	1	4	15		1	9	100	1	3000	2	1800		135	144
First Street	35	455	8	7	14	16	1	15	250	1	15000			8000		5750
Haven Chapel		50	6	1	4		1	6	45	1	1500				10	
Malden	3	22	4	6	7	5	1	6	32	1	900			15		100
Simpson Chapel		300	4	2	37	8	1	14	250	1	6000	1	132	72	412	725
Shriever		80	3	8	12		1	12	65	1	500	1	200			245
Thibodeaux	10	95	4	12	42	26	1	7	130	1	3000	1	200	50	50	1260
Vacherie	1	7	1				1	3	32	2	240	1	70		148	20
Total	242	2111	76	98	283	117	24	180	1803	23	64240	17	6376	14118	1277	10472
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.																
Cottonport	15	16	1	13	15	6	1	5	20	1	1000	1	300	5	4	100
Union and Sorrell	20	22	3	4	12	6	2	7	47	2	3000			300	8	300

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Abbeville Mission		12			9	4	1	3	38	1	250					
Boonville	12	170	9	2	1	3	1	10	125	1	2000	1	250	18	18	20
Glencoe and Island	40	130	7	4	25	20	1	7	75	2	1500	1	800	75	90	500
Brigges	2	58	1		6	7	2	9	70	2	1600	2	300	58	16	12
Bunkie	1	45	2	3	6	4	1	6	55	1	600			100		72
Lecompte and Spring Creek	7	60	3	3	14	6	2	10	72	2	1200	1	130	36	56	270
Morrow	4	26	4	2	2		1	8	54	1	900				300	
Lafayette	2	10	4		4	1	1	1	8	1	600					
Pineville	8	50	3		23		1	12	70	1	1000	1	200		600	10
Lake Charles	12	40	2	2	5	3	1	7	50	1	1800	1	300	122		50
Avoca and Regolets	1	70	6	2	6	21	2	6	50	2	700				800	
Olivier	8	20	4	1	6	5	1	6	20	1	600	1	50			111
Mallalieu Chapel	42	180	5	3	43	49	1	9	98	1	1500	1	900	72	10	51
Sunflower	4	21		1	4		1	5	45	1	250					
Alexandria	9	210	4	5	19	1	1	8	109	1	1500	1	910	270		200
Cade	4	12			6	1	1	3	26	1	300			12		40
Cheneyville		105		2	2		1	7	45	1	1000	1	500		145	243
Jennings and Welsh	4	6	1		40	1	3	40								
Washington,	20	140	6	4	30	4	2	10	150	1	3000	1	100	25	20	20
St. Peter	15	125	4	4	30	2	1	6	60	1	1500	1	450	20		450
Opelousas	75	90	4	4	30	15	1	6	75	1	3000	1	25	100	75	90
New Iberia	25	150	7	4	30	45	1	10	130	1	3000	1	1000	72	264	250
Hubertville	4	47	8	1	8		1	8	100	1	1000	1	600	44		
Jeanerette	6	95	2	2	34	2	2	7	102	2	2000	1	500		25	
Waxia	16	42	3	2	16	9	1	4	37	1	850	1	200	400	400	7
Eola	20	53	3	1	10	11	1	5	60	1	960	1	150	190		190
Rayne and Crowley	6	4	2		4		1	4	4	2						
Abbeville	7	52	1	2	16	7	2	8	80	2	900	1	250	30	49	12
Pleasance	1	12								1	200	1	50			
St. Martinsville	31	145	7	2	43	55	2	9	105	1	1000	1	800	146	49	33

Vincent Chapel	2	19			3		1	2	6	1	300			22	15	
Total	421	2227	104	62	528	287	41	207	1978	39	36350	23	8665	2117	2940	331
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.																
Shreveport, St. Paul	3	176	5	3	10		1	10	160	1	3500	1	1000	300	144	1100
Rocky Mount	4	100	1	1	33	2	2	10	95	2	300	1	25	33		7
Mansfield	5	152	5	1	1	1	2	16	53	2	1500	1	200	73	13	
Shady Grove	25	233	10	5	30	21	3	13	180	3	2230	1	270	45		7
Fairfield	2	72	2	1		3	1	3	30	1	1000	1	300		52	34
Benton and Sarepta		19	1	1		1	2	6	33	2	200				8	15
Flournay	18		5	2	11	21	3	8	130	2	950	1	50	37		250
Vanceville	4	159	4	1	5	4	2	13	123	2	1750	1	50			18
Longstreet	2	130	20	2	18		3	18	160	3	2000	1	150	40	4	22
Curtis		67	1	2	5	6	2	6	25	3	400	1				56
Round Grove	4	40	3	1	8	4	1	7	34	2	1100			5	24	25
Yellow Pine	15	10			1	2	2	7	23	2	500			50		
Asbury and Bodcau	8	67	4	2			2	6	60	2	1100	1		125	5	
Grand Cane														10		
Shreveport, St. James	25	200	6	8	12	20	1	15	180	1	3500	1	400			324
Stonewall and Glaster																
Cane City																
Total	115	1425	67	30	134	85	27	138	1296	28	25000	11	2445	724	240	1953
NATCHITOCHES DISTRICT.																
Columbus	12	108	3	1	6	12	4	12	120	3	700	2	180	25	6	115
Compte	40	173		2			3	10	75	2	150			12		
Robeline	30	69	2	1	12	25	2	13	75	2	450	1	50	5		
Fairmount	4	90	2	1	5	32	2	6	60	2	763	1	150	63		
Boyce	8	68	1	2	5		2	9	47	2	438	1	86	14		
Natchitoches	9	119	5	4	8	2	1	9	164	1	900	1	400	40		
Coushatta	4	34	1	3			1	4	48	2	700	1	150		6	49
Marthaville City	19	110	3	6	1	16	4	12	120	4	910	2	125	38	38	58
Allen	3	103	5	2	6	8	3	13	82	3	1350			25		
Chopan	10	47	4	1	2		2	5	33	2	254			25		
St. Maurice	6	2					1	2	15	1	400			175		100
Bedford	2	123	6	6			3	8	105	3	2500	1	160	72		
Pleasant Hill	18	135	6	4	4	5	4	10	95	4	1200	1	250	8	66	174
Cane River	15	30	3	1	4	4	1			1	200			25		
Alpha	2	40	3				2	6	40	2	400	1	50			
Springfellow	2	21					1	5	15	1	200					
Colfax																
Lake End																
Total	190	1272	45	34	53	104	36	124	1084	35	11461	12	1596	527	116	469

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NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.																
Franklinton																
Wesley Chapel		22	1				1	2	15	1	300					
Union Chapel	72	800	7	26	62	82	1	12	320	1		1	1200		600	950
LaPlace	15	483	7	8	15		1	9	160	1	10000			100		1987
St. John	2	1		1	21		1	4	42	1	400					
New River Circuit	3	28	2	1	1	3	1	6	15	1	300			24		50
White Hall	6	80	7	4	23	2	2	3	76	2	800			225		
Dulac	30	193	6	2	25	30	1	8	70	1	2000					
Mandeville	4	8	1		3		1	6	40	1	700	1	40			
Houma	5	16	1	1	3	1	1	2	40	1	800	1	175	25		
Gretna	14	89	8	2	8	2	1	6	56	1	2200	1	800	17		41
Kennerville	4	48	5	4	32	4	1	7	75	1	2000				150	200
Scott Chinn Chapel	3	27	1	1	1	1	1	4	30	1	200	1	50			
Shady Grove	5	87	7	3	17	8	1	13	60	1	1800	1	500	23	10	70
Pleasant Plain	10	87	3	4	7		4	10	85	3	800			10		
Darrow	14	87	5	6	37	14	1	12	65	1	5000	1	500	390		
St. Matthew	3	46	3	1	7		1	5	46	1	1200	1	250	31	6	14
Mt. Zion	15	103	6	2	20	4	1	12	95	1	3500			50	500	600
Asbury Chapel	26	240	6	9	26	3	1	12	178	1	8000			471	85	700
Slidell and Peareville		25	1	3	5		1	5	25	1	600	1	200			
St. Charles	11	77	1		11		1	7	67	2	1000	1	250	44	6	10
Thompson Chapel	15	71	4	2	10	5	1	9	90	1	1000	1	400	34	16	
Algiers	10	70	4	5	25	16	1	5	150	1	4000			45		105
Lower Coast																
Ponchatoula																
Total	267	2687	86	85	457	175	26	159	1800	26	46500	11	4360	1489	1383	4727

MONROE DISTRICT.

St. James	8	123	5	4	15	35	1	8	68	1	1500	1	500		325	500
Collinston	4						1	1	11							
Mt. Nebo	17	33	4	8	7	7		12	64	1	100	1	400	45	2	10
Bastrop aud Washington	4		3	2	4	1	2	9	45	2	990	2	100	10		5
Lake Providence	9	104	3	1	10	11	2	9	90	1	1500	1	800	166	20	5
Jones Circuit	15	35	1	1	2		1	5	90	2	1200	1	150	82		132
Waco Circuit	5	28	2		12		2	4	55	2	500					
Anderson Chapel	11	8		3	2		1	3	12	1	100					
Winsboro	6	13	2				1	4	30	1		1		10		
Fort Neeessity	5		1				1	9	32	1				100		100
Delhi Circuit	3	15		1			1	2	10	1	250			15		
Mt. Sinai Circuit	25	140	8	10	8	2	18	96	2	2	1626	1	270	975	32	570
DeSaird and Beulah	6	150	7	3	12	18	1	8	156	1	1600	1	260			38
Hard Times	11	9		1		1	3	13		1		1	50			20
Monroe	10	123	1	5	8	1	1	5	75	1	2700	1	300	655	30	670
Grason	20	96	4	1	17	1	1	12	64	1	575	1	455		6	
Total	158	799	29	30	50	56	16	84	528	15	7966	8	2220	1401	379	1222

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RECAPITULATION NO. 1.

DISTRICTS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
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Alexandria	421	2227	114	62	528	287	41	207	1978	39	36350	23	8665	2117	2940	3031
Baton Rouge	306	893	104	78	277	136	44	326	1894	41	35500	21	5280	2224	287	4087
Monroe	152	799	29	30	50	56	16	84	528	15	7966	8	2220	1401	372	1222
Natchitoches	190	1272	45	34	53	104	36	124	1084	35	11461	12	1596	527	116	496
New Orleans Central	28	173	1		9	7	5	33	166	2	48200	2	4000	920		500
New Orleans North	267	2687	86	85	457	175	26	159	1800	26	46500	11	4360	1489	1383	4527
New Orleans South	237	2027	75	82	238	125	26	187	1978	25	69499	19	6916	13784	1300	11952
Shreveport	115	1425	67	30	134	85	27	138	1296	28	25000	11	2445	724	240	1953
Total	1762	11503	511	401	1746	975	221	1252	10724	211	260469	107	55542	23280	6645	27568
Last Year	1495	12506	548	364	1293	1296	215	1192	10478	198	258540	90	37245	15568	6520	24964
Increase	267			36	453		6	60	246	13	1928	17		7712	125	2604
Decrease		1005	37			321							1703			

STATISTICS No. 3.

JAMES W. HUDSON, Statistical Secretary, Shreveport, La.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiency	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Apportioned	Amount paid	Support of Bishops Amount Apportioned	Amount paid	CONF. CLAIMANTS Received from Collections	Endowments	Other sources	Total	CUR. EXP'S Church: sexton, light, fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, books etc.
Alexandria District.																		
Abbeville	Powell, Edward	215.	30.	245.	150.	30.	180.	65.	12	24.	2.						3.	8.
Abbeville Mission	Walker, W. J.																	
Alexandria	Gayden, Z. T.	650.	144.	794.	500.	144.	644.	150.			12.	12.	1.	1.		2.	84.	10.
Avoca and Rigolette	Williams, Thomas	200.		200.	90.		90.	110.	20	20.	2.						15.	
Booneville	Gair, H. C.	650.		650.	307.60		307.60	347.	60	45.55	1.	1.	1.			1.	29.50	1.
Bunkie	Harrison, Eph.	600.	30.	630.	100.	30.	130.	500.	2	1.	20.	5.					4.	1.40
Cades and Breaux Bridge	Carr, Willis	100.	9.	109.	91.	9.	100.	9.	10	.65	1.						2.	
Cheneyville	Keshaw, C. W.	400.	24.	424.	150.50	24.	174.50	249.50	40	17.25	5.			11.25	4.30	15.55	15.	
Cottonport and Bordelonville	Smith, J. C.	105.		105.	45.		45.	60.	20	20.				3.		3.	4.	
Eo'a	Shelby, David	400.	26.70	426.70	114.35	26.70	141.05	285.65	41	15.65	5.						47.65	
Glencoe and Island	Moore, Addison	600.	144.	744.	330.	140.	470.	274.	60	49.	1.	1.				1		
Grand Cote	Thomas, Jacob																	
Hubertville	Hunter, M. H.	500.	25.	525.	120.	25.	145.	380.	20	16.								
Jeanerrette and Patoutville	Augustus, Jules	500.		500.	270.35		270.35	229.65	40	25.80	2.	1.					27.95	2.25
Jennings and Welch	King, Horace.	50.		50.	10.		10.	40.		5.							1.50	
Lafayette	Anderson, Robert	350.	24.	374.	50.	7.	57.	300	20	2.	3.		44.		6.	50.	5.	
LaCompte and Spring Creek	Thomas, A.	200.	30.	230.	140.	30.	170.	60.	20	13.25	2.	1.	15.			15.	12.	
Lake Charles	Larkin, Travis	400.	40.	440.	200.	40.	240	200.	32	17.85	2.	1.	1.			1.	15.	
Moreland	James, Carroll																	
Morrow	Wilson, H. C.	450.	40.	490.	200.	40.	240.	290.	32	20.							10.	5.
New Iberia	Banks, A. H.	600.	60.	660.	490.20	60.	550.	110.	48	40.	1.	1.					15.	5.
Olivier	Vincent, Alfred																	
Opelousas	Richards, E. B.	300.	60.	360.	200.	60	260.	100.	10	3.50	1.50						23.	1.
Pineville	Wells, Geo. W.	300.	72.	372.	329.	72.	401.		20	16.	1.						12.	1.
Poland	Bridgett, J. H.																	
Plaisance	Strode, Spencer																	
Rayne and Crowley	Johnson, H. J.																	
St. Martinsville	Turner, Wesley	500.	60.	560.	402.	60.	462.	98.	40	38.	2.	1.					21.40	4.15

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St. Peter	Vincent, J. A.	450.	60.	510.	142.	60.	202.	207.70	36	19.							10.	
Sorrell and Union Chapel	Tillman, Stephen.	250.	20.	270.	100.	20.	120.	150.	30	9.50	1.						1.	
Sunflower	Amos, W. L.	300.	8.	308.	52.	8.	60.	240	14	5.65	2.	1.					1.	
Washington	Pickett, A. J.	600.	60.	660.	600.	60.	660.		60	46.	1.	1.				15.	45.	40.
Waxia	Johnson, Joseph.	350.	60.	410.	200.	60.	260.	150.	26	6.	2.	1.					4.	
Willow Glen	Tademy, R. S.																	
Total		10710.	972.	11682.	5292.	1458.	6750.	3960.	725	463.	63.	19.	62.	15.	10.	65.	397.	662.
Baton Rouge District.																		
Albert Chapel	J. D. Pool	575.	40.	615.	325.	40.	365.	210.	44	39.	1.	1.				1.	10.	3.
Baton Rouge—St. Mark	Hubbard Daniel	500.	48.	548.	135.	48.	183.	365.	62	24.	1.	1.				1.	10.	1.
" " Wesley	J. A. Tircuit	520.	96.	616.	500.	72.	572.	44.	88	60.15	5.	3.				3.	20.	50.
Bayou Goula	Geo. A. Payne	250.		250.	50.		50.	200.	30	19.	1.							
Brandon and St. Luke	Samuel Green	75.		75.	50.		50.	25.	12	10.							5.35	
Brusly	Saunders Carroll	200.	50.	250.	31.	10.	41.	169.	16	15.	1.							
Clinton	Wm. Porter	450	24.	474.	300.	24.	324.	150.	20	20.	2.	2.	1.			1.	40.	10.
Conrad	B. J. Reddix	500.	42.	542.	102.	42.	144.	440.	28	25.	1.	1.				1.	5.	8.
Hartzell Chapel	P. W. Clark	400.	00.	400.	140.	60.	200.	260.	48	26.80	2.	1.				1.	38.	
Jackson and Argodine	D. M. Seals	500.	60.	560.	225.	60.	285.	230	54	48.	1.	1.				11.	25.	
Letsworth and Free Union	C. C. Wright	140.	20.	160.	140.	20.	160		28	16.	1.	1.				5.	6.	1.
Macedonia	I. R. Scott	400.	36.	436.	200.	36.	236.	164.	40	25.	2.	1.				1.	15.	
Melville and Sumner Chapel	Jos. Jones	360.	48.	408.	160.	48.	208.	152.	32	26.	1.	1.				1.	2.	2.
Merrill Chapel and Mt. Zion	B. Carr	200.	50.	250.	150.	50.	200.	150.	36		1.					1.	4.50	2.
Mt. Carmel	J. H. Rylander	400.	36.	436.	150.	36.	186.	250.	44	24.	3.	1.				1.	12.	2.
Musson Circuit	Allen Luster	450.	50.	500.	160.	50.	210.	290.	48	40.	2.	1.					49.50	
New Roads	C. L. Bradford	200.		200.	105.		105.	95.	20	20.	1.	1.				1.	5.	5.
Plank Roads	David Harrison	200.	20.	220.	61.70	7.	68.70	138.30	12	9.50	1.					2.	3.	6.
Plaquemine & Indian Village	J. W. Hilton	560.	60.	620.	188.	60.	248.	372.	52	13.	1.	1.				9.	12.	12.
Port Allen	M. P. Franklin	600.	60.	660.	336.	60.	396.	264.	40	35.	2.	2.				1.	15.	12.
Priestly Chapel & Jones Creek	C. M. Angram	500.		500.	118.		118.	382.	30	13.	30.	13.						
Rylander Chapel	Jules Benn	250.	24.	274.	74.	24.	98.	176.	16	9.	1.	1.						

St. Paul	R. L. Worsham	300.		300	75		75.	225.	20	18.								4.		
St. Peter	Wm. Emmett	250.	36.	286.	140.	36.	176.	110.	32	18.	1.	1.					1.	8.	3.	
Slaughter and Lindsay	H. A. Sorrell	400.	36	436.	210.	36.	246.	190.	28	24.	1.	1.					1.	6.	4.	
Stony Point Circuit	H. A. McClellan	300.		300	150.		150.	150.	44	44.	1.	1.					1.	5.	8.	
Union Chapel and Island	T. P. Norris	240.	18.	258.	123.	18.	141.	117.	28	15.75	1.							3.50		
Vincent Chapel	Chas Barnes	150.	24.	174.	76.	24.	100.	74	12	12.	1.	1.						4.		
Wesley Chapel	A. G. Davis	350.	24.	374.	175.	24.	199.	175.	40		2.									
Wilson	C. Spears	150.		150.	50		50.	100.	12	10.										
Total		9870.	896.	10716.	4564.	827.	5391.	5325.	972	663.	36.	22.					42.	45.	124.	
Monroe District.																				
Anderson	Austin Jones	115.	60.	175.	30.	60.	90.	85.	10	10.								16.	1.	
Bastrop and Washington	E. Hutchinson	450.	50.	500.	240.	50.	290.	210.	40	32.15	2.	2.								
Collinston	A. Smith	30.	50.	80.	36.	50.	86.		20	20.										
Delhi																				
De Siard and Beulah	N. Randolph	550.	30.	580.	140.85	30.	170.85	401.15	60	55.	2.	2.					1.	13.25	6.	
Ft. Necessity		200.		200.	125.		125.	75.												
Jones Chapel Circuit	D. G. Pharris	400.	36.	436.	111.30	36.	147.30	288.70	52	29.80	2.							5.	3.	
Lake Providence	F. M. Lashington	600.	72.	672.	388.	72.	460.	211.	60	60.	1.	1.					1.			
Monroe	G. J. Rogers	700.	60.	760.	401.	60.	461.	299.	60	60.	4.	2.					1.	62.45	5.	
Mt. Nebo	Abraham Venable	325.	48.	373.	139.	48.	227	163.	44	35.	1.	1.					2.	32.	32.	
Waco	W. W. Hanna	100.	60.	160.	30.	60.	90.	70.	18	12.	1.	1.					1.	250.	3.	
Winnsboro	J. E. Johnson																			
Total		3470.	466.	3936.	1640.	466.	2016.	1830.	360	304.	13.	9.					6.	98.	50.	
Natchitoches District.																				
Allen Circuit	M. T. Fairfax	100.		100.	69.10		69.10	30.90	35	20.80	1.							4.	20.	
Alpha and Union	J. F. Fisher																			
Bedford Circuit	Alfred McGlocklin	400.	30.	430.	251.70	30.	281.70	148 30	48	48.										
Boyce	James Lopez																			
Campti	M. S. Goins	450.	38.	480.	203.55	30.	233.55	247.45	50	34 65	2.	1.			1.	1.		9.15	1.50	
Cane River	H. C. Chapman	100.		100.	25.		25.	75.	5	5.	1.									
Chopin	A. W. Goins	175.		175.	75.		75.	100.	15	15.	2.						2.	9.	1.	
Columbus	Wm. Ector	260.	40.	300.	200	40.	240.	60.	32		1.							4.		
Coushatta	J. W. Lewis	400.	36.	436.	104.50	36.	140.50	296.50	33	17.85								3.75		
Fairmount	H. W. Welch	400.	20.	420.	145.20	20.	165.20	254.80	38	29.35	1.	1.						3.	1.50	
Lake End	M. C. Harrison	190.	25.	215.	49.55	25.	74.5	140.45	30	12.10	1	1.						2.55		
Marthaville Circuit	J. J. Obee	329	48.	377.	208.	48.	256.	121.	37	32.	5.	1.					1.	7.	5.	
Natchitoches	M. J. Dyer	440.	60.	500.	312.	60.	372.	128.	60	62.	6.	2.					1.	71.	6.	

Pleasant Hill	Wm. Harrison	480.	54.	534.	110.	54.	164.	370.	40	31.	1.	1.				7.	4.40	220.	
Robeline and Newton	James Robertson	275.	60.	335.	120.	60.	180.	155.	32	18.	5.	1.				1.	5.		
St. Maurice and Montgomery	J. S. Wright																		
Stringfellow	John Coleman																		
Colfax*	J. J. Williams	250.	18.	268.	129.	10.	139.	129.	22	23.									
Total		3797.	361.	4158.	1733.	343.	2076.	1721.	362	282.	21.	8.			1.	13.	111.	19.	
New Orleans Central District.																			
Hammond	Geo. S. Easton	220.		220.	220.		220.				1.	1.			1.	1.	36.		
Italian Mission	Joseph Vital	80.	20.	100.	80.	20.	100.												
St. Charles Ave.	E. W. Osburn	800.	250.	1050.	800.	250.	1050.				10.	5.	5.			5.	292.	20.	
Total		1100.	270.	1370.	1100.	270.	1370.				11.	6.	5.		1.	6.	328.	20.	
New Orleans North District.																			
Algiers Mission	R. L. Watson																		
Asbury Chapel	Braxton Bolden	200.		200.	95.		95.	105.	20	7.	2.	1.							
Darrowville	Eugene Baptiste	350.	36.	386.	110.30	56.	146.30	239.70	30	11.55	1.	1.				1.	16.		
Dulac	A. A. Lacey	60.		60.	14.40		1440.										3.		
Franklinton and Hayes	Nelson Burton	50.	6	56.	8.	3.	11.	39.	40	4.	1.	1.							
Gretna	Frank Harvey	490.	10.	500.	130.	10.	140.	360.	30	17.	2.	2.				10.	2.	10.	
Houma	H. T. O. Abbott	90.	50.	140.	90.	30.	120.		48	12.25	1.	1.				1.	7.	20.	
Kenner and Hanson City	Daniel G. Taylor	200.		200.	65.70		65.70	134.30	20	5.60							15.		
LaPlace and Lutcher	Samuel Bell	200.		200.	20.		20	180.	3	3.							1.		
Mandeville and winan Ch	Abram Hilton	300.		300.	140.		140.	160.	25	9.									
Mt. Zion	T. G. Montgomery	900.	140.	1040.	600.	62.50	662.50	337.50	64	64.	5.	5.				5.	990.	10.55	
Nashua and Lower coast	Wm. Davis																		
Pleasant Plains	D. G. Butler	500.	96.	596.	400.	96.	496.	100.	32	32.	2.	2.				2.	43.		
St. Matthews	D. J. Price	675.	96.	771.	550.	96.	646.	125.	48	40.	2	1.				3.	75.	50.	
Scott-Chinn Chapel	Edward Fields	800.	110.	910.	210.	110.	320.	390.	60	19.25	3.	2.				1.	31.50	5.60	
Thompson Chapel	Frank Walker	400.	30.	430	475.	30.	515.		40	21.	1.	1.				1.	25.	1.	
Union Chapel	A. J. Ford	900.	160.	1060.	784.	98.	882.	186.	120	104.	5.	5.					200.30	10.	
Wesley Chapel	T. J. Johnson	950.	120.	1070.	950.	120.	1070.		120	120.	10.	10.				5.	150.	100.	
New River Church	Jeff. H. Craig	247.	36.	283.		36.	36.	247.	34	15.	1.	1.				1.			
Ponchatoula and Springfield	E. P. Harris																	5.	
St. Charles	E. H. Clark	350.	60.	410.	295.	60.	354.	56.	30	23.40	2.	1.				1.	23.20		
St. John	H. C. Armston	150.	18.	168.	50.	2.40	5250.	103.	35	1.	1.					1.			
Shady Grove	Alex. Connerly	150.		150.	100.		100.	50.	15	6.10	2.						1.		
Slidell and Pearlville	J. M. Bryaut	400.	60.	520.	200.	60.	260.	200.											
whitehall	Samuel Davage	269.25	60.	329.25	269.25	60.	329.25		60	13.20	5.	5.				2.	45.		
Total		9036.	1163.	10199.	5380.	963.	6343.	3856.	874	606.	46.	39.				24.	1672.	202.	

New Orleans South District.																			
Beattieville	J. W. Smith	300.	30	330.	93.	30.	123.	207.	35	12.50	1.						7.25	3.	
Camp Parapet	W. S. Harris	480.	54.	534.	110.	54.	164.	370.	40	31.	1.	1.				7.	4.40	2.20	
Centreville and Verdunville	Chas. Crockett	300.	50.	350.	150.	50.	200.	150.	40	8.	1.								
Donaldson	C.D. Shallowhorne	800.	120.	920.	576.20	120.	696.20	201.80	80	40.	5.	5.				2.	88.		
Franklin	Valcour Chapman	700.	120.	820.	290.	120.	410.	410.	60	11.16	3.						60.	18.	
Godman Chapel	W. J. M. Price	200.	60.	260.	120.	60.	180.	130.	20	8.	1.	1.				1.	27.		
Klotzville	Paul Narcisse	230.	24.	254.	230.	24.	254.		20	18.							4.50		
Morgan City	J. H. Pierre	340.	50.	390.	200.	50.	250.	40.	40	25	2.	1.				10.	10.		
Napoleonville	Simon Mitchell	300.	96	396.	221.40	96.	317.40	78.60	50	43.10	1.	1.				2.	23.	9.	
New Orleans																			
Cushman Ch. and Malden	J. O. Richard	400.	60.	460.	125.	60.	185	275.	20	5.75	1.						16.		
First Street	W. R. Butler	1000.	153.	1153.	753	153.	916.	237.	100	75.	10.	5.				10.	160.		
Haven Chapel	W. P. Forest	450.	50.	500.	400.	50.	450.	50.	30	30.							10.		
Mallalien Chapel	Stephen Priestly	800.	72.	872.	440.40	72.	512.40	431.60	60	25.	1.	1					78.	5.	
Simpson Chapel	Henry Taylor	936.	132.	1068.	725.70	132.	857.70	210.30	80	67.	2.	2.				1.	241.35	85.	
University Chapel	L. G. Adkinson								30	30.	1.	1.					9.		
Williams Chapel	Chas. Monroe	600.	60.	660.	474.	60.	534.	126.	44	39.	2.	2.				1.			
St. James Stat. & Jamestown.	Jno. Wilson																		
Shriever	A. J. Proctor	450.	36.	486.	105.	36.	141.	345.	44	7.	1.	1					12.		
Thibodeaux	Thos. McCary	520.	140.	660.	432.	140.	572.	88.	60	15	2.	1.				3.	175.		
Valerie	E. Scott	150.	70.	220	150.	70.	220.												
Winsted	F. D. Bowers	400.	50.	450.	195.	50.	240.	210.	50	12.50	1.	1.				2.	4.95	4.	
Woodlawn	R. C. Barrow	320.	60.	380.	350.	60.	410.		60	45.							65.	6.	
Total		10136.	1243.	11379.	6191.	1151.	7342.	4037.	962	480.	35.	22.				39.	3925.	132.20	
Shreveport District.																			
Benton and Sarepta	Jno. D. Brightop	50.		50.	50.		50.		12	3.80							1.50		
Badcau and Asbury	Pompey Bibbs	350.	24.	374.	350.	24.	374		26	26.	2.					1.	7.55		
Cane City and Round Grove	Hernando Daniels	200.		200.	50.		50.	150.	15	15.	2.	1.				1.	4.		
Curtis, Chalk Levees, Hayes	John McKee	100.		100.	78.		78.	22.	20	20.	1.	1.					3.	5.	
Fairfield and Bowman's Lane	Surry Mason	350.	24.	374.	120.	24.	144.	230.	35	20.25	2.	2.				1.	7.95		
Flournay	E. C. Goins	200.		200.	146.		146.	54.	48	48.	1.	1.			1.	1.	16.	7.75	
Grand Cane and Bonchest	J. P. Bayliss	200.	20.	220.	110.	20.	130.	90.	27	19.	1.	1.				1.			
Longstreet	Alfred Gray	300	30.	330.	137.	30.	167.	163.	50	50.	5.	1.					10.	1.60	
Mansfield	Jas. O. Brown	250.	36.	286.	205	36.	241.	45.	45	45.	1.	1.				1.	18.	18.	
Rocky Mount	Geo. Johnson	375.		375.	106.		106.	269.	25	25.	2.	1.				11.	56.	40.	
Shady Grove	P. C. Colton	400.	48.	448.	230.	48.	278.	170.	50	50.	4.	4.				35.	10.	10.	
Shreveport—St. James	J. W. Hudson	800	148.	948.	800.	148.	948.		74	74.	7.	7.				5.	135.	50.	
St. Paul	Hampton James	800.	120.	920.	654.	120.	774.	146.	80	80.	8.	8.				5.	132.	15.	
Vanceville and Scotts Ch.	S. R. Hason	500.	30.	530.	200.	30.	230.	270.	50	50	4.	2.				1.	3.	23.	
Yellowpine and Odum	W. C. Turner	100.		100.	39.		39.	31.			1								
Total		4575.	490.	5065.	3095.	348.	3443.	1663.	502	488.	38.	28.			1.	51.	594.	313.	

RECAPITULATION No. 3.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. CLAIMS. Salary	House Rent	Total	RECEIPTS. Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiency	Support of Pres. Eld. Amount Apportioned	Amount paid	Support of Bishops Amount Apportioned	Amount paid	CONF. CLAIMANTS Received from Collections	Endowments	Other sources	Total	CUR. EXP'S Church: sexton, light, fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, books etc.
Alexandria	S. E. H. Morant	10710.	972.	11682.	5292.	1458.	6750.	3960.	725	463	36.	19.	42.	12.	11.	65.	397	662
Baton Rouge	J. F. Marshall	9870.	896.	10716.	4564.	827.	5391.	5325.	972	663	36.	22.	8.		34.	42.	45	124
Monroe	F. T. Chinn	3470.	466.	3936.	1640.	466	2406.	1830.	360	304	13.	9.	5.	2.		7.	98	15
Natchitoches	H. J. Wright	3797.	361.	4158.	1733.	343.	2076.	1721.	362	282	21.	2.			7.	7.	111	19
New Orleans Central	L. G. Adkinson	1100.	270.	1370.	1100.	270.	1370.		11	6	5.	1.	6.	6.		12.	292	20
New Orleans North	A. E. P. Albert	9036.	1163.	10199.	5380.	963.	6343.	3856.	874	606	46.	39.	18.	2.	4.	24.	1672	202
New Orleans South	P. Landry	10136.	1243.	11379.	6191.	1151.	7342.	4037.	963	480	35.	22.	20.	20.		40.	766	101
Shreveport	S. Duncan	4575.	490.	5065.	3095.	348.	3443.	1622.	502	488	38	28.	51.			54.	544	313
Total		52694.	5861.	58555.	28995.	4826.	34821.	23734.	4769	3292	230.	142.	150.	42.	56.	251.	3925	1456
Total last year		47169	5887	50831.	29622.	6832.	35883.	15638.	4390	3474	228.	161.	122.	4.	5.	131.	3614	1824
Increase		5525.		7724.					379		2.		28.	38.	51.	120.	361	
Decrease			26.		627.	2006.	1062.	8096.		182		19.						368

STATISTICS No. 3.

JAMES W. HUDSON, Statistical Secretary, Shreveport, La.

NAME OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.							EDUC'N.								
	Church	Sunday-school	Total	Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & So. Education Society	Children's Fund	Other Educational Objects	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Other Collections
Alexandria District.																
Abbeville	1	1	2			1							1			
Abbeville Mission	4		4													
Alexandria	10	5	15	10	1	1	10	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Avoca	5		5				2									
Booneville	5	1	6	1		1	5	1					1			
Bunkie	1		1										1			
Cades and Breaux Bridge*													1			
Cheneyville	1	1	2				1	1					1			
Cottonport and Bordlonville	1		1													
Eola*								2								
Glencoe and Island	5		5	3	1	1	3	1				1	1	1	1	
Grand Cote																
Hubertville	5		5	3		1	5							3		
Jeannerrette and Patoutville	2	3	5	5	1	1	5						1		1	13
Jennings and Welch																
Lafayette																
LaCompte and Spring Creek	5		5	3			3		2				1	1	1	
Lake Charles	2	1	3	1			1						1			
Moreland																
Morrow	3		3													
New Iberia	2	3	5	2	1	1	5	1					1	1	1	
Olivier	2		2				2									
Opelousas	2		2	2			2									
Pineville		3	3	1	1		5	2					1	1	1	
Plaisance																
Rayne and Crowley*	1		1													

* Filled from last year's report.

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St. Martinsville	11		11	3		1	5	1				1	1	1	1	10
St. Peter	2		2	1			1									
Sorreil and Union Chapel																
Sunflower	1		1		1	1	1	1					1		1	
Washington	8	2	10	2			5	1					1		1	20
Waxia	1		1	1			1						1			
Willow Glen																
Poland																
Total	89	20	100	38	6	9	52	13	2	1	1	3	15	9	9	68
Baton Rouge District.																
Albert Chapel	5	1	6	4	1	1	5						1		2	
Baton Rouge—St. Mark	2	1	3	2		1	2	1					1	1	1	
Wesley Chapel	14	6	20	15	1	1	15	5					3	3	3	2000
Bayou Goula																
Brandon and St. Luke				1			1									
Brusly																
Clinton	3		3	2		2	8	10					2	1	2	
Conrads	5	1	6	2	1	1	5	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hartzell Chapel		7	7	2	1	1	7						1	1		
Jackson and Argodine	2	1	3	1	1		4						1	1		
Letworth and Free Union	3	2	5												1	
Macedonia	4	1	5	2	1	1	5	1		1	1		1		1	
Melville and Sumner Chapel	2		2	1			2						1	1	1	
Merrill Chapel and Mt. Zion																
Mt. Carmel	3	2	5				2	1					1	1	1	
Musson	2	2	4	2	1		5			1			1	2	1	

New Roads	2	1	3	2		1	1					1				
Plank Roads	1	1	2										1			
Plaquemine, etc.	2		2	2			2									
Port Allen	7		7	2	1		6	2		1		2	1	2		
Priestly Chapel and Jones Creek	1		1													
Rylander Chapel	1	1	2	1			1							1		
St. Paul	1		1	1		1		1						1		
St. Peter	2	2	4	1	1	1	5	1				1	1			
Slaughter and Lindsay	3	1	4	2		1	4					1		1		
Stony Point Circuit	3		3	2	1	1	5			1		1	1	1		
Union Chapel and Island	1		1				2									
Vincent Chapel																
Wesley Chapel				1			5					1		1		
Wilson																
Total	69	30	99	47	10	13	92	23		5	2	1	22	16	21	2000
Monroe District.																
Anderson	1		1				1									
Bastrop and Washington	5		5	5	1	1	8					1	2	1	1	
Collinston		1	1		1											
Delhi	1	1	2	1			1							1	1	
De Siard and Beulah	6	1	7	5	1	1	2			1		1	2	1	1	
Fort Necessity	2	1	3										1	1	1	
Jones Chapel Circuit	1		1					2								
Lake Providence	3	2	5	5	1	1	4	1					1	1	1	25
Monroe	15		15	5	1	2	5	7				1	1	1	2	69
Mt. Neho	3		3	2	1	1	3	1					1	1		6
Waco	1	1	2										1	1	1	
Winnsboro	2		2				1						1		1	
Total	40	7	47	23	6	6	25	11		1		3	10	8	9	100
Natchitoches District.																
Allen Circuit	1		1	1			1									
Alpha and Union	1		1	1			1									
Bedford Circuit	10		10	10	1	1	10	3	1			1	5	2		
Boyce	2		2													
Campti	5	2	7	5	1		5	2					1	1	1	
Cane River	2		2													
Chopin																
Colfax																
Colbumus	2		2	2			1						1			
Coushatti	1		1	1			1									

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Fairmount	1	1	2		1	1	1			1	1	2	1	1	1	
Lake End																
Marthaville Circuit	3	1	4	3	1	1	4	1					1	1		
Natchitoches							6						1			
Pleasant Hill	1		1	2	1		2						1			
Roblia and Newton	3		3	2			2						1	1	1	
St. Maurice and Montgomery																
Stringfellow	1		1													
Total	33	4	37	27	5	3	34	6	1	1	1	3	12	6	3	
New Orleans Central District.																
Hammond	34		34	1	1	1	1	5		1			1	1	1	
New Orleans—City Mission																
French Church																
Italian Church	10	6	16													
St. Charles Avenue	10	38	48	5	1	1	5		2	1			5	5	5	
Total	54	44	98	6	2	2	5	5	2	2			6	6	6	
New Orleans North District.																
Algiers Mission																
Asbury Chapel	1		1	1			1						1			
Darrowville	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	2					1	1	1	1
Dulac							1									
Franklinton and Hayes				1			1						1			

Gretna	1		1		1		5						2			
Houma	2		2	2			2						1	1	1	
Kenner and Hanson City	1		1	1									1		1	
La Place and Lutcher							1						1		1	
Mandeville and Winan's Chapel																
New Orleans—Mt. Zion	25	5	30	25	1	1	11	2					5	5		
Nashua and Lower Coast																
Pleasant Plains	10	5	15	2	1	1	10	1		1		1	2	2	2	
St. Mathews	10		10	10	1	1	10	1						2	2	30
Scott-Chinn	5	2	7	4	1		1	2			1			2	1	33
Thomson Chapel																
Union Chapel	19	21	40	15	3	3	14	5			1	1	10	21	5	
Wesley Chapel	50		50	50	5	3	100	4	5	3	3	5	10	5	4	60
New River Church	2		2	1										1		
Pontchatoula and Springfield																
St. Charles	2	3	5	4	1	1	5	4		1			1	1	2	
St. John	1		1													
Shady Grove		1	1	1				1								
Slidell and Pearlville	3	1	4	2		1		1					1	1		
Whitehall	10	3	13	9	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	5	30
Total	143	41	184	129	16	13	176	24	6	6	6	8	42	44	25	154
New Orleans South District.																
Beattieville	2		2	1			1									24
Camp Parapet	1		1			1	1									
Centreville and Verdunville	3		3	1	1			1				1	1			
Donaldsonville	20		20	10	1	1	20				1		5	2		
Franklin	10		10	7	1		10	1					1		1	
Godman Chapel	1	2	3	1			2	1					1	1	1	
Klotzville	5		5				2		5							
Morgan City	4	3	7	3			4						1		1	25
Napoleonville	2	2	4	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
New Orleans—Cushman and Malden																
First Street	10	50	60	20	1	1	100	2	1	1	1	1	10	10	5	
Haven Chapel	2	1	3				5	4								
Mallalieu Chapel	6	5	11	5	1		6	5					1		1	
Simpson Chapel	25		25	5		1	90	2		1		2	2	1	1	
University Chapel	24	1	25	10	1	1	30	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	
William's Chapel	7	3	10	3	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	24
St. James and Jamestown																
Shriever	1	1	2	1			1						1			
Thibodeaux	8		8				2						1		2	
Vachrie					1		1									
Winsted	2	2	4	1	1		1	2					2	2	2	

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Woodlawn	10	2	12	8			8									52
Total	143	72	215	79	10	7	297	22	8	5	5	7	30	20	17	125
Shreveport District.																
Benton and Sarepta	1		1	1												
Bodcau and Asbury	1		1	1			5									
Cane City and Round Grove	1	1	2	1	1		1						1	1		
Curtis, etc.																
Fairfield, Bowman's Lane	6		6	5	1	1	5		1				2	1	1	
Flournay	8		8	3	1	1	2	1			1			1	2	
Grand Cane and Bonchest	1		1	2		1	2	1		1			1			
Longstreet	4		4	3			3						1		1	
Mansfield	0	2	2	2			7	2					1	1	1	
Rocky Mount	3		3	2			1			1			1	1	1	
Shady Grove	10		10	4	1	1	8	2		1			4	2	2	
Shreveport– St. James	15	10	25	15	1	1	19	4		1	1	1	7	5	4	
St. Paul	29	5	34	25	1	1	20			1			8	5	5	
Vanceville and Scott's Chapel	2		2	3	1	1	2	1					2	1	1	
Yellow Pine and Odum																
Total	81	18	99	67	7	7	75	11	1	5	2	1	28	18	18	

RECAPITULATION No. 4.

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Alexandria	80	20	100	38	6	9	52	13	2	1	1	3	15	9	9	68
Baton Rouge	69	30	99	47	10	13	92	23		5	2	1	22	16	21	2000
Monroe	40	7	47	23	6	6	25	11		1		3	10	8	9	100
Natchitoches	33	4	37	27	5	3	34	6		1	1	3	12	6	3	
New Orleans Central	54	44	98	6	2	2	6	5	2				6	6	6	
New Orleans North	143	41	184	129	16	13	176	24	6	6	6	8	42	44	25	154
New Orleans South	143	72	215	79	10	7	297	22	8	5	5	7	30	20	17	125
Shreveport	81	18	99	67	7	7	75	11	1	5	2	1	28	18	18	
Total	698	279	977	422	64	62	779	120	21	31	17	26	171	133	114	2713
Total last year	726	297	1023	440	79	70	690	134	19	16	21	56	156	142	14	303
Increase							89		2	15			15		100	2410
Decrease	30	18	46	18	15	8		14			4	30		9		

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LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
Friday, January, 17, 1896.

The Seventh Quadrennial Session of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Louisiana Annual Conference, opened to-day at 10, o'clock a. m., in the basement of Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by brother Phillip Smith, lay delegate from Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

Temporary Organization was effected by the election of J. L. Jones, of Plaquemine, as temporary chairman, and Joseph A. Reddix, of Darrowville, as temporary secretary.

Committee on Credentials. The following Committee on Credentials was appointed, viz: W. B. Smith, M. C. Harrison, and G. G. Golden Bryant.

Recess. A recess was then taken.

Committee's Report and Organization. The Committee on Credentials reported 107 *bona fide* delegates in attendance, and the Report was adopted. The following nominations for permanent chairman were made, viz: A. A. Lacey, J. L. Jones, and D. W. Boatner; and J. L. Jones was elected. The following were nominated for secretary, viz: M. C. Harrison, D. W. Boatner, and J. O. Richards. Bros. Richards and Harrison declined in favor of D. W. Boatner, and he was elected by acclammation. Mrs. Alice R. Albert, was elected vice-president, by acclammation.

Election of Delegates to the General Conference was then declared in order; and after arranging the preliminaries the following candidates were nominated, viz: A. G. Miller, George F. Huntley, Charles C. Morse, Joseph A. Reddix, W. B. Smith, James Brooks, and Rene C. Metoyer.

Result. A ballot was taken, and Charles C. Morse, having received 58 votes, and George F. Huntley, 53 votes, which was a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared elected as lay delegates to the General Conference Joseph A. Reddix and R. C. Metoyer, were then elected as reserves by acclammation.

Thanks. Votes of thanks were unanimously extended to Mrs. Dr. A. E. P. Albert and Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, for the well directed interest that they have taken in proceedings of the Electoral Conference.

Adjournment. The Conference then adjourned to meet tomorrow, Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., }
Saturday, January, 18, 1896. }

The Lay Conference met to-day at 10, a. m.

Presiding. President J. L. Jones, was in the chair; by whom the

Religious Exercises were conducted.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Southwestern and Book Depository. Whereas, we recognize the great good that the Southwestern Christian Advocate is doing among our people; and whereas, it is very important that a Book Depository be established in the city of New Orleans; Therefore, be it Resolved, that the General Confereuce be and is hereby memorialized to appropriate an annual subsidy of $3,000 and the white paper for the support and maintainance of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Resolved, second, that we recommend and ask the General Conference to establish a Book Depository in this city.

Complimentary to Drs. Hartzell and Albert: Resolve 3rd, That we have implicit confidence in the Rev. Drs. Hartzell and A. E. P. Albert; and that we recommend them to the General Conference, as worthy of any honors that it confer upon them.

Separate Seating. Whereas, the Separate seating, that is to say, the seating of some of the lay delegates apart from the ministers in the last General Conference caused great dissatisfaction as it caused a spirit of antgonism between the two classes of delegates which should not exist. The lay delegates and the ministers of the same delegation should sit together that they may consult together and conjointly represent the same Annual Conference. In view of those facts some of the Lay Conferences have taken action against the separate seating; and we, the Lay Electoral

Conference of the Louisiana Conference, meeting at New Orleans, La., Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1896, also

Resolve, that we disapprove the separate seating of the Lay and Clerical delegates in the General Conference, and request that our Lay Delegates sit with the Ministerial Delegates from our Annual Conference.

Adjournment. The Lay Conference then adjourned. *Sine die.*

J. L. Jones, President,
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